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Zelene Harman Elected to Lambda Society

BRIDGEWATER, VA. —

Zelene M. Harman, a sophomore history and political science major, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Harman of Franklin, has been elected to membership in the Lambda Society at Bridgewater College in Bridgewater, Virginia.

The Lambda Society is an organization with the purpose of encouraging and honoring scholarly effort and achievement. Students with a 3.0 grade point average or above who have taken 30 hours of work at Bridgewater College

Measure in Legislature

Save Cranberry Backcountry

A bill to save the Cranberry Backcountry has been introduced into the West Virginia House of Delegates, which would preserve the Cranberry backcountry from deep and strip mining until the completion of the wilderness study and a decision on wilderness designation by the US Congress no later than January 1980.

Del. Clyde Richey (D-Mon.), who introduced the bill, said of his reasons for introducing the bill, "This is all federal land and we have a chance for a wilderness area. If it's mined, we'll lose that chance. This legislation is designed to prohibit strip and deep mining. A rider on the bill will revoke all permits issued to Powellton Coal Company."

"The proposed mines have not been opened yet. This bill will put no one out of work. No emergency is pending on coal reserves so that can't be a factor. I want to see this unique area preserved," continued Richey.

Protest over the situation in Cranberry has been

since last fall. A public hearing at Webster County High School October 28 raised serious question about the two mines proposed by Powellton and scheduled to begin operations this Spring. The water quality permits required by state law prior to mining, were issued "hurriedly in the last days of Governor Moore's administration," said Paul Crabtree, special assistant to Governor Rockefeller.

Environmentalists from several organizations making up a "Save the Cranberry" coalition have raised serious questions about the issuing of the two permits by the WV Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Water Resources Division. They did not like the way in which the permits were handled and they did not believe DNR had enough evidence to support their issuance.

"One of the main problems," stated Ellen Snyder a consulting geologist for the environmental groups, "is the samples used to provide

issuance of the permits are not representative. Also the tests used to determine the acidity of the water coming through the mines are not valid."

On March 17 Cranberry protestors stood outside the conference center in Charleston where President Carter was conducting an energy conference. During the meeting President was questioned repeatedly about Cranberry. Carter indicated he was aware of the problems of the Cranberry backcountry and his staff was looking into the matter. He stated, "The governor and state government have the power to delete or omit the area from mining."

A week earlier some 350 West Virginia University students marched on the Morgantown Chessie System office protesting the two mines. A lawsuit has been filed by the WV Highlands Conservancy, WV Issac Walton League and the Wilderness Society charging the US Forest Service and others

Court on April 27. Appeals are also being made to the EPA for a hearing and an impact statement on Powellton's request for a pollutant discharge permit.

The Cranberry backcountry is considered by experts such as Dr. Earl E. Core of West Virginia University (WVU) as "One of the best second growth stands of hardwood and red spruce in the east." Cranberry is one of six areas in the Eastern United States being considered for wilderness designation. "The Cranberry Backcountry also is the only proven home of a species of plant and a species of insect found nowhere else on the face of the earth," says Dr. Linda Butler, WVU biologist. The backcountry is a black bear sanctuary and is reportedly the territory of the bald and golden eagles and the rare eastern mountain lion. The Cranberry Glades are also part of the backcountry.

Little boy: "My parents

Grave Registration Project to End May 1

The officers of the Pendleton County Historical Society in a meeting April 6 in Franklin decided to set May 1 as the deadline when material for the grave registration project will be accepted.

The cooperation of every citizen of the county is needed to make this project complete. Many small family cemeteries may have been overlooked in this giant task, a double check should be made in each community and each landowner to insure inclusion of all graves in a book to be published and made available to the public

during Treasure Mt. Festival 1977.

Names, dates and family relationships will be listed. Information about unmarked graves also will be accepted. Material for the North Fork should be sent to Charles Nelson, Circleville, and from the South Fork and South Branch to Mrs. Annie M. Eye, Franklin.

A special effort is being made to locate and list graves of Revolutionary Soldiers.

The Historical Society will not have its regular meeting during April in order to devote more time to the completion of this project.

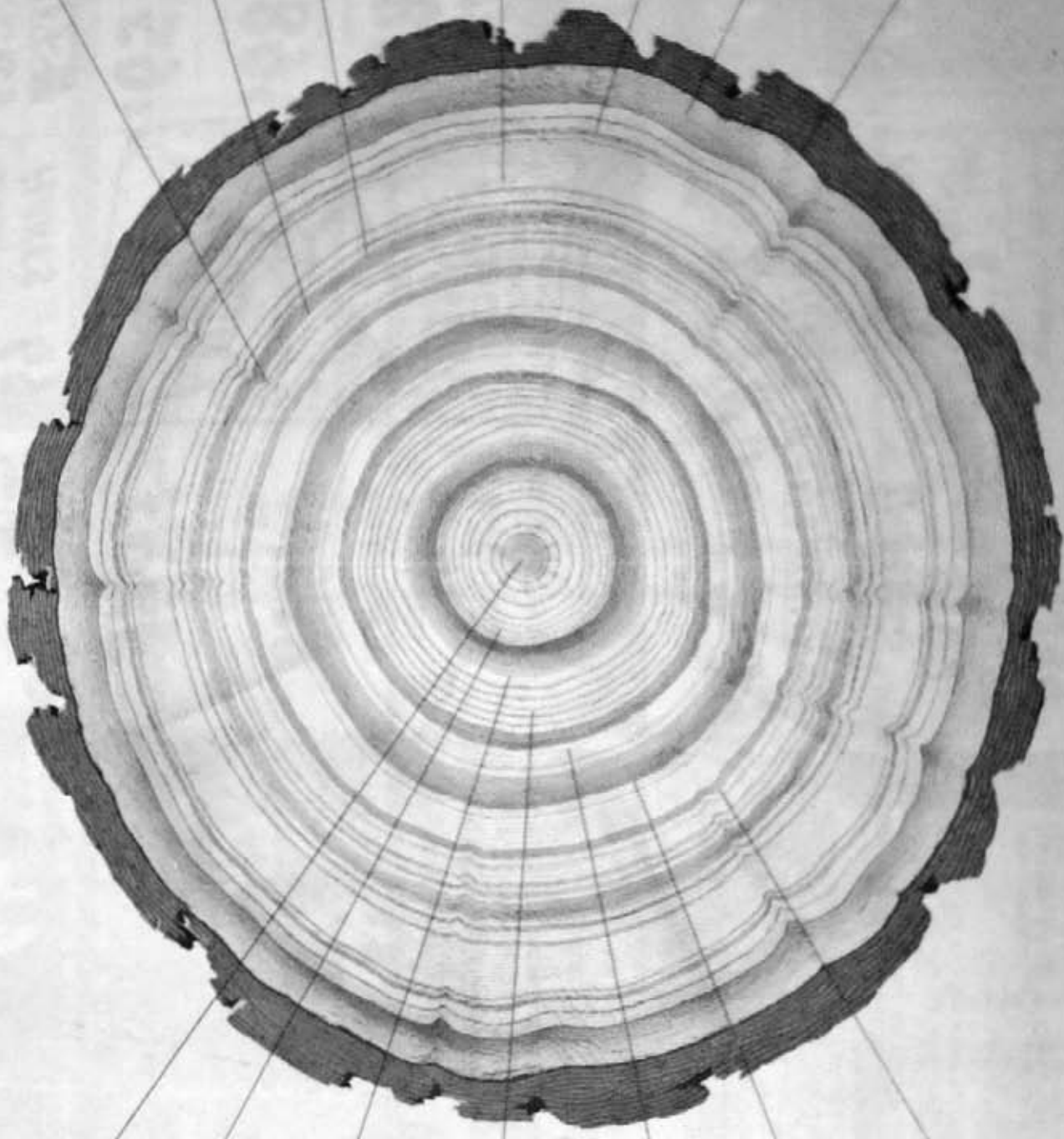
... to make a big deal out of the incident. Parents are

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Tye, and her two sisters.

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America's History is written in her trees.



1789 The Constitution of the United States is signed in Philadelphia.



1825 The first American steam locomotive is built in Baltimore.



1848 The California Gold Rush begins in California.



1861 The American Civil War begins in South Carolina.



1890 The first automobile is built in Detroit.



1901 The first airplane is flown in Kitty Hawk, North Carolina.



1903 The Wright Brothers invent the first airplane.



1914 The United States enters World War I.



1929 The Great Depression begins in Wall Street.



1941 The United States enters World War II.



1945 The atomic bomb is dropped on Hiroshima.



1969 The first American goes to the moon.



1976 The United States celebrates its Bicentennial.



Be careful with fire.

Among many interesting and impressive features of the conference was a two-minute

Mrs. Mary Lee Moore will present a piano prelude, and solos will be sung by Mrs.

Sheep Killing Bear Trapped in County

Pendleton County Conservation Officers Sgt. Bob Leeson and Mike Weaver, with the aid of state trapper Jake Hilleary of Durbin, trapped a bear that had been killing sheep on the Teddy Bland property in Teter Gap five miles south of Circleville.

The bear, a male weighing approximately 300 pounds, was caught in a foot snare, tranquilized with a dart pistol then tagged and placed in a culvert trap by state wildlife biologist Walt Lesser of Elkins. He has been transported to the southern part of the state and released.

County conservation officers hope this will end the bear problems in Teter Gap but due to the number of sheep that have been killed they believe there could

possibly be more than one bear.

Other bear damage has occurred in the Eddie Phares property and the Henry Bennett property in Teter Gap and the Kermit Harper property on Strater Run of Seneca Creek.

Sewers to Be Tested for Surface Water

Employees of Pipelines of West Virginia, of Fairmont, will be in Franklin this week running tests to determine whether surface water is entering the Franklin municipal sewer line.

Tests will be made by blowing white smoke into the sewer line and then observing where it comes to the surface. Also, tests will be

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at 7:30. The Franklin Elementary Band, under the direction of Leonard T. Vaughan, will play ten selections, including "The Masterpiece" by Mauret, "Bavarian Folk Dance," and "Songs of the Sea," arranged by John Kinyon, and "Simple Gifts," arranged by Clark Tyler. Also included will be such popular songs as "Morning has Broken," "Rhinstone Cowboy," and the "Sounds of Silence."

This year's beginners will be featured on "The Band Booster March" by John Kinyon.

The Franklin Elementary School Choir will perform a

The song "Almost Heaven", has always been a favorite of mine, but it has taken on a new and deeper meaning for my family and me during the past week.

On behalf of my family and me, I would first of all like to thank Mr. Cassell, Superintendent of Schools for expressing his confidence in me by recommending that I be rehired as Principal of Franklin High School.

I would also like to thank the members of the Board of Education for rehiring me to this position at their meeting on May 4th. I am looking forward to working closely with the Board in an effort to provide the best possible educational opportunities for the youth of our community.

Words have not been invented that can adequately express the gratitude that my family and I feel toward the great people of Pendleton County who supported me during the past week. I have always known that the people of Pendleton County are the finest anywhere, and recent events have served to reinforce this belief.

I would like to thank the students and Staff at the High School who gave me their support. I have taught in many fine school systems in Virginia and Maryland and I can say without reservation that the students and the staff at Franklin High School are the finest I have ever had the privilege of working with.

Although I can never be the kind of Principal that I was given credit for on Wednesday evening, with support such as this, I could never give anything but my best to Franklin High School. Any suggestions for the improvement of Franklin High School will

Old Crank Phones Replaced by New Dial System on North Fork

The old crank telephones which have served the people of the North Fork Valley of Pendleton County so well for the past three-quarters of a century changed Saturday from vital instruments of communications to antiques of a by-gone age.

The telephone system on the North Fork was switched over during a ceremony Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the old Mutual System to the new, modern dial system now in the final stages of installation by the Spruce Knob-Seneca Rocks Telephone Company.

To officially mark the beginning of the new system, Andrew Bennett of Cherry Grove, president of the new company, dialed Ben Bridgeforth of Lynchburg, Va., field representative for the Rural Electrification Administration, who provided vital assistance in the establishment of the new system. Bridgeforth is

critically ill in a Lynchburg hospital with cancer.

"How are you feeling, Mr. Bridgeforth," were Bennett's first words.

"I'm feeling better today," Bridgeforth replied. "Congratulations on your fine new telephone system."

And with that brief conversation, the communications system in the North Fork Valley of Pendleton County changed from a simple arrangement of wires strung from tree to tree, manually operated switchboards and magneto telephones, not greatly dissimilar from the contraption made by Samuel Graham Bell 100 years ago, to a complicated system of buried cable, electromagnets, switching gear, relays and attractive dial telephones in a variety of pastel shades.

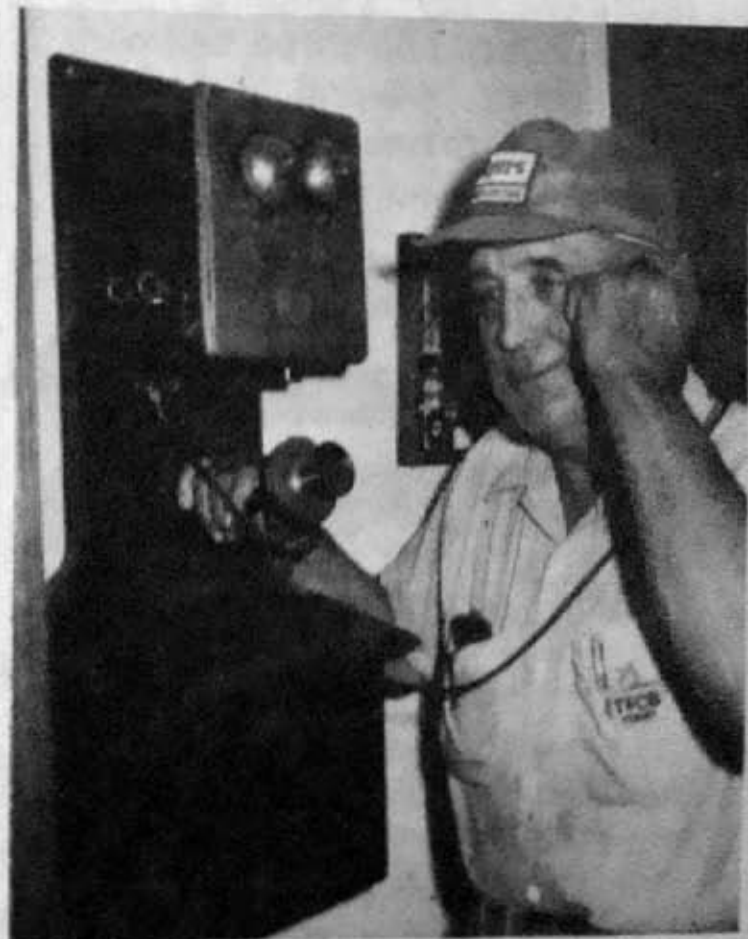
Installation of the new dial system was made possible by a loan of \$1,385,000 from the

Rural Electrification Administration. The loan bears interest of two percent per annum and will be repaid over a period of 30 years.

The 2 o'clock switchover applied the final death blow to the last of the old time mutual telephone systems in West Virginia.

According to the West Virginia Public Service Commission, the North Fork Mutual Telephone Company had the state's oldest telephone franchise. It included two exchanges, the Macksville exchange, with 32 lines and 265 telephones, serving the lower end of the North Fork Valley, and the Circleville exchange, with 150 telephones, serving the upper end of the valley.

"I believe the new system will make the biggest impact on the local community of anything that has happened here since the beginning of the old system in 1904," enthused Joe Harper, vice president of the new telephone company, as he listened to the chattering of the switching devices in the equipment room.



A LAST CALL on the old crank phone is made by Bardon Harper, prominent Mouth of Seneca merchant and farmer. Now an antique, the old-style phone served the residents of the North Fork Valley for the past three-quarters of a century.

Diplomas Awarded at



Franklin Lions Donate \$1,000

New Dial System on North Fork

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gencies.

In 1973 the Public Service Commission issued an order to the North Fork Mutual Telephone Company to show cause why it should not upgrade its equipment to provide better service.

Thereafter citizens of the area organized the new Spruce Knob-Seneca Rocks Telephone Company and secured a commitment for a REA loan in the amount of \$1,150,000 later increased to \$1,385,000.

The West Virginia Public Service Commission, after a number of hearings and delays, on October 27, 1975, issued to the new company a certificate of convenience and necessity to construct the new telephone system to serve the areas being served by the Macksville and Circleville exchanges.

past weekend with her father, Stanley Bennett.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kelsey spent Sunday afternoon with Dr. and Mrs. Kenneth Kelsey, Scott and Jason of Canaan Valley.

A few folks in our community have their new dial system telephones installed. The company has a very big job installing all phones in this mountain area and are doing their best to get the job done.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hoover and girls of Franklin visited her father, Clinton Bennett.

Dry weather continues in this area, lawns are burned brown, grass is short in meadows and rain is needed

Contracts were awarded to Meador Construction Company, of Mobile, Alabama, for the construction of the outside plant (lines, poles and underground cable); to Ellis Construction Company of Harrisonburg, Va., for the construction of the central office, which is located between Riverton and Mouth of Seneca; and to Stromberg-Carlson, of Rochester, N. Y., for supplying telephones and central office equipment.

The new system provides all single-party lines at rates of \$8 per month for residences and \$13.50 per month for business. Dudley Lantz is the local manager of the new company.

According to Virgil Hedrick, owner of the 4-U Motel and Restaurant at Mouth of Seneca and a director of the new company, the first switchboard for the old Macksville exchange was located in the home of his grandfather, the late C. A. Hedrick of Mouth of Seneca.

Both the Macksville and Circleville companies were affiliated with the West Virginia Mutual Telephone Association which was organized June 18, 1904. It served areas in Pendleton,

Grant, Hardy, Tucker and Randolph Counties.

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Of Highland Scenic Highway

Senator Jennings Randolph spoke at a groundbreaking ceremony Tuesday which marked the beginning of construction on the last section of the Highland Scenic Highway needed to tie in with U. S. #219 to make it a through road.

The ceremony was held on Elk Mountain about six miles north of Marlinton where the Scenic Highway will join U. S. #219. Among those who attended were W. Va. State Highway officials and representatives of the con-

Jerry D. Moore Begins Law Practice Here

Jerry David Moore, of Mouth of Seneca, received the Doctor of Jurisprudence degree in law at the 108th commencement exercises on May 15th at West Virginia University.

A 1970 graduate of Circleville High School, Moore attended Potomac State College and received his A. B. degree at West Virginia University in 1974. As an undergraduate, he participated in the Carl M. Frasure Internship Program; was a member of Pi Sigma Alpha, the political science honorary; and was elected to Phi Beta Kappa, the national scholastic honorary.

While in law school he served as a member of the West Virginia Law Review and was a member of the Student Bar Association.

Moore is currently associ-

tractor, Lane Construction Company of Meriden, Conn., the Monongahela National Forest and the Federal Highway Administration.

The Highland Scenic Highway promises to make it possible for Americans to know the Mountain State a little better. The Scenic Highway will allow the recreational enjoyment of previously inaccessible mountain areas.

The \$11.5 million contract by Lane Construction Company will be administered by the W. Va. Department of Highways out of their Elkins District office. The construction site is located on the Marlinton Ranger District. To date, 15.6 miles of the Scenic Highway have been constructed, from immediately in front of the Cranberry Mountain Visitor Center, across Williams River and up Tea Creek Mountain.

Road Repair Set at \$28,959

CHARLESTON — More than \$7.9 million in maintenance repairs to state highways is scheduled to begin as a result of contract awards announced by the West Virginia Department of Highways.

Among the contracts awarded is one to R. H. Armstrong, Inc., of Parsons, for bituminous wearing course on 1.3 miles of County Road 5/5 at Judy Gap. Cost of the job is \$28,959.

Clinics Cancelled

The immunization clinics in

Current construction will be for about 7 miles to open up the Highway as a through road.



Kitty Hevener

Kitty Hevener Is Valedictorian of School for Blind

Kitty Hevener, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur J. Hevener of Franklin, will deliver the valedictory address for the 1977 graduating class of the West Virginia School for the Blind in Romney during the Commencement ceremonies there June 10.

In addition to having the highest academic standing in her class, Kitty is active in the Activities Club, the campus radio station, and the Amateur Radio Club. She is also the emergency coordinator for Pendleton County's ham radio operators.

Kitty will attend George Peabody College for Teachers

1977 High School Graduates

CIRCLEVILLE HIGH SCHOOL

Regana Olive Arbaugh	Dolores Trudy Eye	John William Smith
James Paul Arbogast	Beverly Lynn Hedrick	Donna Marie Thompson
Janice Marlene Arbogast	Michael Clay Hedrick	Rose Ann Thompson
Connie May Auville	Rocky Dale Hedrick	Connie Sue Arbogast Tingler
Alvin R. Bennett	Sharon Hedrick	Kevin Thomas Turner
Charles Junior Bennett	Peggy Sue Hinkle	William Craig Turner
Steven Foster Bland	David L. Hoffman	David Allen Vance
Bobby R. Bogan	Barbara Ellen Kisamore	John Timothy Vance
Jo Ann Bolin	Kathy Lynn Murphy	Timothy Dean Vance
Jerry L. Bowers	Gene Alan Phares	Bonnie Lou Vandevander
Steven Lee Burns	Marlin Wayne Raines	Dixie Lee VanDevender
Brenda May Cook	Dorothy Marie Reel	Gary S. Warner
Debra Ann Cooper	Karen Tammi Sites	Alice Lynn Widener
Carl Ray Day	Curtis Sterling Smith	

FRANKLIN HIGH SCHOOL

Mary Evelyn Adams	Albert Hugh Hartman	Douglas Roy Pitsenbarger, Jr.
Bruce Dale Alt	Roy E. Hartman	Jeffrey A. Pitsenbarger
Barry M. Armstrong	Margaret Ann Hedrick	Sandy K. Pope
Sondra Lynn Avey	Craig Holloway	Charlotte Ruth Propst
Denise Ann Black	Dennis Randall Hottinger	Sherry L. Propst
Elmer L. Bodkin	Michael Lee Johnson	Kent Lee Puffenbarger
Fern Yvonne Bodkin	Steven Craig Judy	Marsha Frances Rexrode
Jerry A. Botkin	Frances Rebecca Kee	Tommy Alden Roberson
Jerri Lou Bowers	Craig Eugene Kesner	Tracy Alan Ruddle
Dianna Lucille Bowers	Christine Nasha Kile	Jeffery C. Shreve
Roy Bowers	Armeda Faye Kimble	Joyce Ellen Shreve
Michael Joseph Brinson	Gregory W. Kimble	Diana Sue Simmons
Joseph Wayne Crider	Gregory Mason Lambert	John W. Simmons
Pamela Ann Dahmer	Lisa Kimberly Lambert	Michael C. Simmons
Patricia Ann Dahmer	Sandra Sue Linaburg	Michael E. Skiles
Richard Michael DiFalco	Bradley Lowell Mallow	Margaret L. Smith
Linda Sue Eckard	D. Neal Mallow	Sylvia I. Smith
Jeffrey Hal Evick	Nola Jean Miller	Judy Ann Snyder
Carol Ann Eye	Jeffrey Lee Mitchell	Sharon Lee Teter
Abby Glover	David J. Moats	Kathy Sue Thompson
Thomas Randall Halterman	Reggie Jerome Moats	Daniel Dale Walker
JC Hammer	Robin Earlette Moats	Sandy Clair Washburn
Kimberly Lynn Harper	Chris Mowery	Joey Shawn Warner
Terry Sherwin Harper	Marcella June Mowery	Austen Conway Whetzel
Dennis Eugene Harr	Thomas John Newcomb	Charles Craig Wright
Cassey Edward Hartman	Clarence C. W. Newman	Kevin Maurice Wright

Public Meeting Here Friday to Probe Possible Cloud Seeding

Cloud seeding in the South Branch Valley and throughout the country will be explored at a public meeting to be held in Franklin Friday night at 7:30 in the high school auditorium.

Principal speaker for the meeting will be Dr. Edmund Hill, associate professor of earth Sciences and Geography at Gettysburg (Pa.) college. Hill also is a member of the Pennsylvania Weather Modification Board and vice president of the State Natural Weather association.

Dr. Hill spoke June 17 at a

meeting of the Eastern Panhandle Natural Weather Association at Burlington where he explained methods of weather modification and reported on widespread efforts to modify the weather by cloud seeding.

There has been much speculation here during recent weeks that the cause of the unusually dry weather is cloud seeding. Many persons report that they have seen and heard airplanes fly into rain clouds as they build up only to see the clouds break up after the planes leave without any rain. The fre-

quency with which this has occurred in the area leads some to believe that the cause of the dry weather is cloud seeding.

The meeting Friday night, which was arranged by Jed Conrad of Fort Seybert, is intended to shed some light on weather modification and the possibilities of cloud seeding in this area.

If sufficient interest is displayed at the meeting, the possibility of forming an organization of persons interested in weather problem may be considered.

Dear Friends of Pendleton County

Praise The Lord

It's really here. God has allowed the Pendleton County Crusade for Christ to finally arrive.

Friends, let us, the members of the P. T. L. Fellowship, tell you why we are so thankful.

We have made the world's greatest discovery, for we have been blessed to find the true meaning of the term "Christianity". You see, while so many people are trying to find purpose and meaning through everything from sports to religion, the answer has been seemingly avoided. That being a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

All of us have tried our own little ways of getting to God. There isn't one of us who hasn't been involved in the cycle of self-fulfillment. Living from one weekend to the next, reaching one level of excitement or pleasure only to find ourselves let down and reaching for the next. Thank God for He has a better way. A way which allows all of us to be assured that, through God's love, everything is under control. For no matter what happens, God's gift of eternal life will stand firm.

We are also aware that the great majority of individuals have not made this wonderful discovery that God loves us and Jesus died for us. That by Jesus' death on the cross, the gift of eternal life was made available for all, only for the asking. Therefore, the reason for the crusade — to get out the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Friends, life is short, death is certain, and God is real. Are you prepared to face Him? If not, accept what Jesus did for you when He died for our sins, right now. If just one person through this crusade comes to a knowledge of what we know to be true, it will be worth it all. If you need to hear more, come. If you've made the discovery, come and let us rejoice with you. No matter what your reason, come, for God will be the main speaker.

August 7-10

Franklin High School

New Gym

7 p.m. - Song Service 7:30 p.m. - Evangelistic Service

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Grey Cassell Resigns as School Superintendent

Resignation Is Effective Sept. 1

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Cassell has been selected as the new executive director of the Regional Educational Service Agency in Region IV which serves the six counties of Greenbrier, Pocahontas, Webster, Braxton, Nicholas and Fayette.

Harold Miller, president of the Board of Education, called members of the board Friday night and informed them of the special meeting Saturday.

Miller said Cassell requested him to call the special meeting as soon as possible so the board could be looking for a new superintendent.

All members of the board were present at the 1 p.m. meeting and no business was transacted other than accepting the resignation.

Letters are being written to all school superintendents in the state informing them of the opening here and stating that applications for the position will be accepted until August 17.

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Mormons After Nat'l. Softball Championship

The Franklin Branch of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints recently won the Virginia-North District Senior Men's Softball Championship in Buena-Vista, Virginia. Franklin defeated teams from Waynesboro, Virginia, and Buena-Vista, Virginia.

This district victory allowed Franklin to compete for the Regional Championship. They were played in Lexington, Virginia, last Saturday. Teams from as far away as Virginia Beach converged on Lexington Friday night and Saturday morning.

Competition commenced at 9:00 a.m. and when the dust had settled at 6 o'clock Saturday evening Franklin was victorious, coming from an 11-run deficit at the end of the first two innings in the championship game to win by a 16 to 12 margin. This comeback and victory stirred the pride and fanned the flame of desire to travel to Tallahassee, Florida, for the area championships to be held August 11, 12, 13.

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Members of the Franklin team and their wives who made the trip are the following: Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Hartman, Virginia-North District Athletic Director, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Kline, Franklin Branch Athletic Director, Mr. and Mrs. David Hartman, Franklin Branch president, Mr. and Mrs. Garry L. Simmons, Mr. and Mrs. Benny P. West, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Warner, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Lambert, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Propst, Larry Hartman, John Newcomb, Curtis Mitchell and Herbert Lee Sims.



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Washington, D. C. — The United States Congress may be in recess for an August vacation, but Congressman Harley O. Stagers of West Virginia's Second District, certainly is not. Instead of vacationing, he will continue his usual hectic pace during the recess and will visit each of the 22 counties in his far-flung congressional district, the largest district east of the Mississippi River.

Stagers, dean of the West Virginia Congressional Delegation, will talk with and get the views on public issues from constituents from Montgomery to Martinsburg, and from Morgantown, the largest city in his district, to Peterstown in Monroe County, one of the smallest communities.

In the last week before Congress recessed, Stagers, chairman of the House Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee, played an important part in getting much of the legislation through Congress before the recess. As head of the House contingent in conference with the Senate on the Clean Air Act Amendments, Stagers worked until 2:18 a.m. Wednesday morning to reach an agreement with the Senate to avert a threatened shutdown of the auto industry. He then went before the Rules Committee the same day and got a waiver to allow the House to take immediate floor action on the compromise.

Later that day, President Jimmy Carter personally called on the telephone and congratulated and thanked Chairman Stagers for his diligent work, not only on the Clean Air Act, but also on the National Energy Bill and another bill creating a new Cabinet level Department of Energy.

At the invitation of President Carter, Stagers was present in the Rose Garden at the White House on Thursday morning when the President

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Cassell told the Pendleton Times that he has enjoyed working in Pendleton County and that he is proud of the progress that has been made in the local school system since he has been here.

He cited as some of the major accomplishments during his term as superintendent the initiating and implementing of a \$1,270,000 school building improvement program, reduction of the pupil-teacher ratio in the schools, improvement of the guidance counsellor program and improvement of the music program in the schools.

The superintendent said he thinks it is time the people on the North Fork and the people on the South Branch try to work more in harmony and set a better example for the children, and if they would do that the children and the school system would benefit.

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In the last week before Congress recessed, Stagers, chairman of the House Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee, played an important part in getting much of the legislation through Congress before the recess. As head of the House contingent in conference with the Senate on the Clean Air Act Amendments, Stagers worked until 2:18 a.m. Wednesday morning to reach an agreement with the Senate to avert a threatened shutdown of the auto industry. He then went before the Rules Committee the same day and got a waiver to allow the House to take immediate floor action on the compromise.

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that applications for the position will be accepted until August 17.

Cassell's new position will be concerned primarily with writing new programs for the schools in his district and obtaining state and federal funding for them. He will begin his new duties September 1 with headquarters in Lewisburg.

Cassell told the Pendleton Times that he has enjoyed working in Pendleton County and that he is proud of the progress that has been made in the local school system since he has been here.

He cited as some of the major accomplishments during his term as superintendent the initiating and implementing of a \$1,270,000 school building improvement program, reduction of the pupil-teacher ratio in the schools, improvement of the guidance counsellor program and improvement of the music program in the schools.

The superintendent said he thinks it is time the people on the North Fork and the people on the South Branch try to work more in harmony and set a better example for the children, and if they would do that the children and the school system would benefit.

He said he thinks the people of the county make good use of the funds which they have to work with and it is unfortunate that the county does not have a stronger tax base.

He said the fact that the federal government owns 37 percent of the land in the county increases the financial problems for the school system. He remarked that he had worked hard to try to get the government to compensate the county for the taxes the county loses as a result of government ownership of land and that finally a bill was enacted by Congress recently which provides some help.

Cassell has been superintendent of Pendleton County Schools since July, 1970. He came to Pendleton County from Pocahontas County where he had served as county superintendent for years. Previous to that he had been an elementary school principal at Virginia Beach.

The team left Tuesday with an undefeated record in district and regional competition and a full head of steam. This tournament is the highest competition offered by the L. D. S. Church and encompasses the south-eastern quarter of the United States.

Members of the Franklin team and their wives who made the trip are the following: Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Hartman, Virginia North District Athletic Director, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Kline, Franklin Branch Athletic Director, Mr. and Mrs. David Hartman, Franklin Branch president, Mr. and Mrs. Gary L. Simmons, Mr. and Mrs. Benny P. West, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Warner, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Lambert, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Poppert, Larry Hartman, John Newcomb, Curtis Mitchell and Herbert Lee Sims.



Representative Quartet of Mountaineers

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Gospel Sing on Schedule

At Day English, both Women, South and Day Fair, and all churches, and schools.

The next events also will include the following: Street Dance and Barbeque, June 28; Gospel Sing, June 29; Gospel Sing and Barbeque, June 30; Gospel Sing and Barbeque, July 1; Gospel Sing and Barbeque, July 2.

June 4 concert together. They are in order to be qualified for the show. There will be no exceptions.

For information concerning the festival, contact the women's group, Mrs. and Mrs. Jack Latham of Mount of Sion.

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Revelations Quartet of Moundsville

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Day English, Lady Seneca, Youth All Day, Pair Seneca, All Pleasure, and Line.

re-timed events class will include the following: Senior Leaf Barrel, Junior Leaf Barrel, Pre-Jr. Clover Leaf Barrel, Pre-Jr. Pole Bending, Junior Bending, Pre-Junior Bending, Lady Pole Bending, Pick-Up Race, Flag and Musical Chairs.

Registration will begin at 10 a.m. Sunday, September 17. The show will start at 11 a.m. All horses must

have a current negative Coggins test in order to be qualified for the show. There will be no exceptions.

For information concerning the horseshow, persons may contact Mr. and Mrs. Jack Yokum of Mouth of Seneca.

Also on Sunday afternoon there will be an Old Time Gospel Sing. Groups that will be participating are the Valley Four of Harrisonburg, Va., The Gospel Revelations Quartet of Moundsville and local talent. The Old Time Gospel Sing will be held at the Franklin High School auditorium at 1:30 p.m.

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"I hope to talk individually with each person who can stop by the court house," Stagers added.

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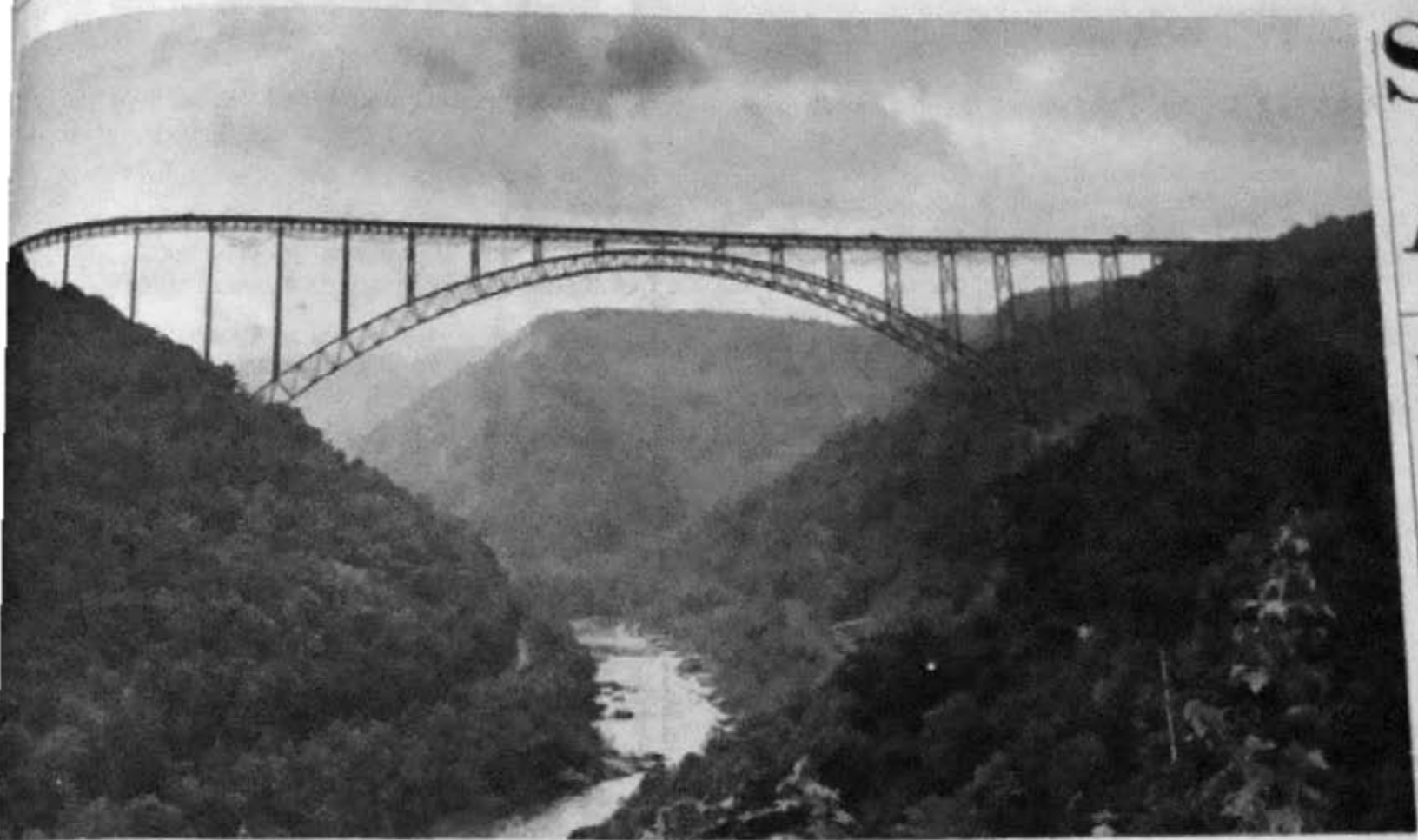
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New River Gorge Bridge

New W.Va. Bridge Sets World Record

Another first for West Virginia — the longest steel arch bridge in the world located in Fayette County was dedicated Saturday morning amid a program of special entertainment and speeches by state and national dignitaries.

A crowd of approximately 30,000 persons were present to see Gov. James D. Rockefeller IV snip the ribbon to open the bridge to the public and hear speeches by Sen. Jennings Randolph, Rep. Harley O. Hays and other prominent officials.

The bridge is 3030 feet long,

including a 1700-foot main arch span, and the second highest bridge in the United States.

It arches gracefully over the majestic New River, the second oldest river in the world. The weathering steel structure was built by the American Bridge Division of U. S. Steel by means of a cableway system suspended over the awesome gorge.

The most expensive single project ever undertaken not only by the West Virginia Department of Highways but also under the Appalachian Development Highway program, the

bridge was constructed at a cost of \$37 million including \$27.6 million in federal funds.

The bridge contains over 21,000 tons of structural steel, 1700 tons of reinforcing steel, 17,000 cubic yards of substructure concrete and 600,000 cubic yards of superstructure concrete, making a total weight of more than 88 million pounds.

At 876 feet above the river, the bridge is almost as high as Seneca Rocks in Pendleton County and adds a man-made marvel to West Virginia's many natural wonders.

English Firm Taking Over Hanover Shoe Company

Factory Here To Continue

The Hanover Shoe, Inc. and C. and J. Clark Limited have announced that they had signed an agreement with respect to the purchase of substantially all of Hanover's assets and the assumption of liabilities by newly organized American subsidiaries of C. and J. Clark at a price which Hanover's management estimates would be approximately \$18.50 per share of Hanover common stock (after converting each preferred share of Hanover into 3.243 common shares).

It is planned that the transaction will be concluded by the end of 1977. Completion of the transaction is subject to the satisfaction of various conditions, including the approval of Hanover's shareholders.

After completion of the transaction, Hanover intends to become an investment company and the C. and J. Clark subsidiaries intend to continue the business formerly conducted by Hanover. Members of Hanover's present management are expected to be employed by the C. and J. Clark subsidiaries to manage their operations and the approximately 2,500 other employees of Hanover and Sheppard and Myers, the Hanover sales subsidiary, are also expected to be employed by the C. and J. Clark subsidiaries. The Hanover name will continue to be featured, and it is contemplated that present manufacturing and sales policies

CEREMONY AT RIVERTON

North Fork Phone Company To Dedicate Building Sunday

The building which houses the central office equipment and switching gear of the new Spruce Knob-Seneca Rocks Telephone Company serving the North Fork area of Pendleton County will be dedicated Sunday at 1:30 p.m.

The building which is

located on Route 33 near Riverton will be dedicated to the memory of W. B. Bridgeforth of Lynchburg, Va.

As a field representative for the Rural Electrification Administration, Bridgeforth provided vital assistance to the residents of the North Fork Community in establishing the new telephone system.

The new telephone system was financed with a \$1,385,000 loan made by the REA. The loan bears interest at the rate of two percent per annum and will be repaid

over a period of 30 years.

The new Spruce Knob-Seneca Rocks Telephone Company is the result of several years of planning and work by many residents of the North Fork. The new system became operational last May 21 during a ceremony which rang the death knell for the old mutual system which had been used in the area for more than 70 years.

The new system provides all single party lines at rates of \$8 per month for residences and \$13.50 per month for business firms.

Wild Turkeys Survived Harsh '76 Winter Well

West Virginia's turkey hunters are enjoying greater success this year than in 1976, according to preliminary reports from the Department of Natural Resources.

With more than 1,400 turkeys reported so far, wildlife biologists are predicting a total kill of between 2,400 and 2,800 or about 30% more than the fall 1976 harvest of 1,860.

The preliminary report includes totals for the first week in most counties and two weeks in three counties. All counties are expected to have greater kills this year than in 1976.

Although the first part of the split season ended on November 12, hunters still have an opportunity to bag their turkeys during the last

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Dr. Foster Kline has written a book on "Teaching Values" and that was cited by Mrs. Foth in spelling out the five basic stages in which values are learned. First, a baby learns trust and a feeling of personal worth by being loved and having his needs cared for. The baby also comes to learn that although he is important he does not get everything immediately.

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The fourth stage occurs in the first through third grade when the child is very conscious of rules. "That is not fair" is often heard as the child is making the transition from home to school.

Beginning around the age of 11 the child starts to think of himself. Parents can present their values but now the child must take full responsibility for his actions. By the age of 16 a child has learned the basic values which will guide him through life.

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Pendleton Native Is President Of Diagnostic Equipment Firm

New York — Jarel R. Kelsey, formerly of Pendleton County, has been appointed president of Analytab Products Incorporated (API) of Plainview, New York, a division of Ayerst Laboratories, it was announced today by William L. Davis, Ayerst president.

API is a leading manufacturer in the diagnostic field. It specializes in systems for the identification of microorganisms which are used in most leading U. S. hospitals and medical centers.

Kelsey will be responsible for API operations in North America (the U. S. and Canada). He succeeds Pierre R. Janin, who had been API president since the company's incorporation in 1969, and is now managing director, API International, S. A., headquartered in Europe.

The new president joined API earlier this year as executive vice president from his previous position held since 1975 as vice president of sales and marketing for Bio-Quest Division, Becton-Dickenson and Company, Cockeysville, Maryland.

Before that, Kelsey had had 12 years experience with the American Hospital Supply Corporation, Evanston, Illinois, in management and marketing of diagnostic products in the health care field. During four of those years, he had been headquartered in



Jarel R. Kelsey

Kobe, Japan.

Born at Cherry Grove, Kelsey did his undergraduate work in biology and chemistry at Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, Ill., and graduate study at Loyola University in Chicago. His medical technology training was acquired at the De Graffenried-Fisher Laboratories in DeKalb, and the St. Anthony Hospital in West

ford, Ill.

He is a member of numerous professional and business organizations including the Health Industry Manufacturers Association, American Society for Medical Technology, American Society for Clinical Pathologists, American Management Association, and the Bio-Medical Marketing Associa-

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The Pendleton County Economic and Community Development Authority (EDA) heard from opponents of the wind farm proposed for construction on Jack Mountain.

A sizeable number of citizens with concerns about the wind farm turned out for the EDA's regular monthly meeting, which was held at the community center on the evening of Dec. 21.

The agenda for that meeting indicated that representatives of US Wind Force were to discuss a possible right-of-way across EDA property (the old Hanover Shoe site on Rt. 220 south of Franklin) for a transmission line which would connect the Jack Mountain wind farm with an Allegheny Power substation in the northern quadrant of the county seat.

However, no one from US Wind Force or its subsidiary, Liberty Gap Wind force, attended the meeting.

Citizens opposed to the Liberty Gap wind energy project asked that the EDA not act in haste regarding any proposals from the wind farm developers.

Numerous speakers, most of them apparently affiliated with the recently formed Friends of Beautiful Pendleton County organization, asked that the EDA serve as an honest broker in any forthcoming discussions with the

licewith notice of any proposals regarding the Liberty Gap project.

Thus, on a motion by Joan Ashley as amended by Steve Conrad, the EDA unanimously voted to gather information on the wind farm proposal and to publicize in this newspaper any official action on the Liberty Gap project before voting on it.

Reid Waggy chaired the meeting inasmuch as former chairman Kelly Hartman had, the previous week, resigned from the authority.

Hartman, also at that time the president of the county commission, had been the commission's official representative and voting member on the development authority.

In the course of chairing the Tuesday evening meeting, Waggy wondered about any possibly harmful effects on health that could be caused by the 120-kilovolt transmission line running from Franklin to Jack Mountain.

He also advised residents of the Sandy Ridge area to work with Region 8 officials in seeking water line construction in their community, noting that those county residents should have water regardless of the fate of the Liberty Gap wind farm proposal.

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1) **QUESTION:** How will Pendleton County look in five years?

ANSWER: We do not know. If we do not choose how we want our county to develop someone else like Liberty Gap Wind Force, LLC will do it for us.

2) **QUESTION:** Who will reclaim the site of the Industrial Wind Energy Generating Factory once it is no longer being used?

ANSWER: When a company mines property or removes mountaintop for the natural resource, the property must be reclaimed. In the case of the Liberty Gap Wind Force, LLC facility, when the turbines are no longer workable or the collection of the wind is no longer of economic value shouldn't the towers and all the elements associated with them be removed by the corporation who put them up? **NO CONTRACT OR AGREEMENT SHOULD BE APPROVED FOR AN INDUSTRIAL WIND POWER ELECTRIC GENERATING FACILITY UNTIL THERE ARE PLANS TO RECLAIM THE LAND AND VIEW SHED ONCE THE FACILITY IS NOT IN USE.**

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3) **QUESTION:** Is this a local issue with only the Jack Mountain and proposed transmission paths being affected?

ANSWER: Unfortunately not. With Federal and State tax breaks available, profit-hungry companies are trying to find ways to put Wind Energy Generating Factories on many of our ridges. Liberty Gap's proposal to our commissioners for the Jack Mountain project was for 50 turbines but in the interconnection request to Allegheny Power the number stated is 112. WV there are seven projects with 787 turbines in the works. Many of these may be in Pendleton County.

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4) **QUESTION:** How can I get more information? What are your questions about the issue of Industrial Wind Energy Generating Factories in Pendleton County?

ANSWER: Call Viola J. Riggelman, 358-7566, write: Friends of Beautiful Pendleton County, P. O. Box 14, Franklin, WV 26807, fax: 358-1111, e-mail: rsites@bww.com, evaf@corlink.com, or visit our website: www.hushhushrush.com

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I travel extensively from my Pendleton County base—and I've seen large wind farms in other parts of our country and in other countries. How ugly one sees these wind farms is a matter of opinion; I'm a lover of wind generators but I'm also a bigger lover of a beautiful landscape. If we are going to have electricity we will need to make some choices with what badness we will put up with—whether it is belching plants like Mount Storm that pollute our air or wind generators that are better for the environment but disturb our view. There are opinions here, but there are also some economic

issues as to what best benefits the people of Pendleton County.

Wind farming can be profitable. If we are to give up our view so some people can make the money that can be made, it seems reasonable that the people of the county should profit in addition to the businesses. There are easy-to-do ways that both can make money off of wind farming; the simplest technique is to pass a tax assessment for any property that breaks the visual line. Additionally, the higher assessment should also be written so as to tax the transmission towers. The country of Holland has a lot of experience with wind farming

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Editor, the Times:

Protect Your Property

What will windplants do for you?

Huge industrial windplants pose a major threat to the enjoyment of a quiet rural life. Most people who live here don't want the mountains turned into an industrial landscape. However, wind facilities require a lot of land. A typical windplant consists of dozens of 400 ft. turbines in near perpetual motion arranged eight to a mile, each anchored on large concrete pads within a four acre clear-cut. Without enough land, the wind industry cannot do business. Consequently, wind developers seek long-term leases (typically 30 years) from private land owners, arguing that leasing land for green energy is a genuine public service. They soft-pedal the size of their turbines, the extent of dynamiting required, and the amount of land they will clear. They say that their windplants will not disturb the lives of neighbors, but those who live nearly a mile away from a nearby wind facility have told how wind turbines have degraded their quality of life.

Do you need a lawyer?

A property owner would be wise to consult an attorney before signing a wind lease. Wind operatives may cut roads through leased property, clear-cut forests at least a quarter-mile (4 acres) per turbine, and demand access at all times, considerably reducing privacy. Moreover, wind companies typically reserve the right to cancel leases with two or three months notice, abandoning all equipment to the owner and posting a maximum bond of \$2,000 for removal of turbines only. Such an amount would not pay a fraction of the cost involved in removing tons of deeply embedded concrete pads and 400 ft. tall wind turbines, let alone restoring the land to its pre-turbine state. Property owners may also be held liable if these giant machines cause damage; wind companies are typically Limited Liability Companies (LLCs), having already taken steps to limit their accountability for problems their facility may cause.

Will your property value decrease?

Property owners should be aware that a wind lease is likely to reduce their property's value significantly. Moreover, there are civic concerns involved because a wind lessor contributes to the

devaluation of property throughout the viewshed, placing neighbors at risk. Neighbors who actually live near the turbines will be exposed to all the problems which residents of Meyersdale have so graphically described. Some property owners who have already signed wind leases are now very surprised to discover what they are losing and how much distress this industry will cause their neighbors. Few were made aware of the size and scope of these wind projects—and the relentless nuisances they cause, like noise, shadow flicker and loss of TV reception.

How do you want to be remembered?

For these reasons, any property owner within view of a windplant should think seriously before providing access and transmission/communication line easements, let alone siting the huge turbines. Let's preserve our mountains by using them in ways that honor their natural appearance, so that our children and their children will understand the importance of nature in our lives and our history. Let's not destroy this legacy for a few pieces of silver.

Friends of Backbone Mountain
Russell Bounds

Future Retirees Say No To 'Giant Windmills' Here

Editor, the Times:

Recently we learned there is a plan to add wind turbines to a prominent ridgeline in Pendleton County. This news came as a huge disappointment to us. We have good friends who live in the county, and my husband and I have always dreamed of retiring there. We worry the size and placement of the turbines will affect the natural beauty of this county we have grown to love. The placement of "giant windmills" will force us to eliminate Pendleton County as an option for retirement.

If there is any possible way to prevent the placement of these turbines in Pendleton County, I urge the community to consider it. I realize the potential money

generated by this project is attractive but it will surely undermine the property value of land in the surrounding area. If you ask a real estate developer in Franklin, I am sure he will tell you how hard it is to sell a house that is near high tension electric lines. The proposed turbines are three times the size of an electrical tower. It is certainly within the county's right to turn wind turbines into the cottage industry of Pendleton County but by doing so you have essentially abandoned any hope of attracting and maintaining a vibrant population. I am sure we are not the only prospective land owners who feel this way.

Sincerely,
Julie and Kelly Stephens

Wind Facility Debate

Is the debate over wind energy a political tsunami which will engulf Pendleton County as no controversy has since the poultry litter digester proposal several years ago?

Will the passions aroused by the proposal for a wind facility on Jack Mountain ultimately, to some impossible-to-gauge extent, pit indigenous Pendletonians against "come heres?"

(The phrase "come here," or "come heres," was originated by the late John O'Brien in his Pulitzer Prize-nominated book, *At Home in the Heart of Appalachia*, and it is a designation several of the most vocal opponents of the Liberty Gap wind energy development have embraced—some with irony, some without irony—in public forums, such as the heated Dec. 7 county commission meeting and the much less stormy Dec. 21 meeting of the county development authority. It should also be said that, as Pamela Roberts observed to this writer, many people at the meeting were simply nervous.)

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One can infer from his remarks that Hevener believes the possible inability of native Pendletonians to purchase land and then possibly farm that land or use it for other commercial purposes is also a threat to the unique character, history and culture of Pendleton County.

He said that, in his opinion, the time has come for farmers in this county to speak out.

Certainly, the potential threat to tourism in Pendleton County allegedly posed by wind turbines elicited additional observations by Hevener.

He essentially said that, in terms of meaningful dollars and cents in the local economy, tourism doesn't make a significant contribution and that, in local economic terms, tourism amounts to little more than motorists stopping at a convenience store or gas station "on their way to Snowshoe."

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Indeed, Monday evening's meeting in the high school auditorium, which was arranged by the Friends of Beautiful Pendleton County, an organization made up of individuals opposed to the Liberty Gap project, at least in its present form, was placid, informative and capably moderated by Robbie Sites, one of the organization's founders.

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As she has at past meetings, she said that wind turbines are not meaningful tourist attractions, that they mostly draw one-time-only visits by the curious.

At Monday evening's meeting, however, she raised a new and compelling concern about the reclamation of wind farms should they become abandoned when technology renders them obsolete.

Apparently, little is required in federal or state regulations at this time regarding a wind farm should it be abandoned, and she said her research shows that the wind energy technology is rapidly evolving.

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Indeed, he indicated that he hasn't made up his mind about wind energy.

He spoke forcefully about his concerns for a local future in which natives with long histories in and ties to this county will find it hard to live here or farm here or purchase property here because of the rising and increasingly exorbitant cost of land.

The impact of the wind turbines on land values being in Pendleton County—a profoundly negative impact, wind facility opponents say—appeared to be, at least partially, a context for Hevener's remarks.

Another context for his remarks apparently was the argument advanced by Liberty Gap opponents that the presence of industrial scale wind turbines

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She said she and her husband (school superintendent Ken Price) live on Rt. 220 within direct viewing distance of the proposed Liberty Gap wind facility, a view that, she said, would be marred irrevocably by looming wind turbines.

Nevertheless, Price continued, she and her husband were prepared to be supporters of the wind facility project if it was beneficial to the community.

The problem, she said, is that it will not be beneficial to this community, because the wind energy project, she and her husband believe, is mostly about large tax breaks for the developers.

Another speaker introduced by Sites was Tim Long, the Mayor of Franklin, who delivered no opinions on wind energy and no opinions on the proposed Liberty Gap project.

He was there to report on the town water capacity and the question of providing water to possible customers in the Sandy

Wind...

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He reported that state Public Service Commission (PSC) regulations obligate the town to provide water to customers who apply for the service. He noted that the town presently loses 380,000 gallons of water on a daily basis but that, when the water line project is completed in the very near future, that loss, it is thought, could be reduced by as much as 40 percent.

Also speaking briefly was Heather Richards of Winchester, VA. She is the land protection manager for the Potomac Conservancy, an organization that helps landowners resist unwanted development near or adjacent to their properties.

A short film was shown about the harmful impact a wind facility has had on a Pennsylvania couple who live within 4,000 feet of large turbines.

Also providing information about how land values are determined for tax purposes was Carolyn Sponaugle, the county assessor.

She attended the meeting at the request of Sites, who spoke about alternate transmission line routes apparently being studied at this time by the wind facility developers.

Sites also said that the way the wind energy discussion was evolving in this county was being watched throughout the region, the state, in nearby states and at national levels.

Sites, who laudably sought to sort out information from misinformation about aspects of the Liberty Gap project, reported that the next public meeting on the wind facility will take place on Feb. 18.

Liberty Gap Wind Force was invited to participate in the meeting.

In a reply to Sites, James Cookman, the vice-president of project development for US Wind Force, respectfully declined.

"Liberty Gap," Cookman wrote, "believes that public meetings about the proposed project would be useful and intends to participate in such meetings in the future where such meetings are held in a neutral forum. As you are aware, Liberty Gap recently withdrew its application to [the PSC]. We will participate in public meetings when we are ready to re-file our application for the project with the PSC.

"Liberty Gap recognizes that the proposed project is of substantial interest to Pendleton County and is committed to an open, productive dialog with the community about the project."

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Wow, where to start. I just can't believe what some people will do for the almighty dollar. It seems that three landowners in their quest for making a fast buck have found a way to line their already bulging pockets and rape the land in one fall swoop. I frequently visit the area where the proposed wind farm is to be erected along the 6.3 miles of Jack Mountain. I have just noticed two of three test towers installed over a year (maybe two years) ago on Jack Mountain about three miles from Brushy Hill and Doe Hill, VA. They are imposing and I wonder if that was Liberty Gap's plan so they could collect all their wind data and do planning with as little public knowledge as possible. One can view the towers if you take 220 south, make a left at Cave Country Store, then take Rt. 20, Thorn Creek Road, for 5.5 miles (stay to right at road fork at Totten Cemetery) you can see Jack Mountain to your right. I

had just cropped up over the past few months, but in conversations with a few people in the area, I found out that the small towers I had witnessed along the ridge were installed as long as two years ago. The people I spoke with didn't realize the ramifications these test towers would have. I have to admit that I may have noticed them earlier, but just thought they were cell towers and had dismissed them as harmless; little did I know that they are just a tiny hint of what is to come. I have now become more observant as I drive around the area, and am surprised to see a lot of large white plus symbols on the ground; they are used for aerial surveying. Upon further inspection of the targets, I know were being used for the wind farm, I found a yellow cap on a rebar in the center of each white plus that said "TRIAD WINC." I think they are doing additional surveying to find alternate routes for their transmission lines, maybe a route to the Naval Base so they can bypass Franklin and thus calm some of the high powered opposition. So ask yourself when you see the large white targets near your land, are they going to put the transmission line in this area and over me? Or maybe they are planning for future wind farms.

We must remember that we are stewards of this wonderful

Pendleton County for future generations. How can we let outsiders come here and erect steel monstrosities almost 300' tall with huge propellers and blinking lights that soar over the mountain top devoid of trees and instead be covered with access roads and concrete, plus there is that 100' swath the transmission lines will cut through the rolling valleys to a substation at least nine miles away. Gone will be the breathtaking views of the mountain grandeur. I have even witnessed a few eagles in the area; I wonder how they will fair in the propellers, and how will the native trout streams handle all the extra muddy runoff and what affect will there be to the tributaries of the Chesapeake Bay. Since Liberty Gap has been planning this for over a year, and possibly two to three years, then they should have a very detailed environmental impact study. Many of us who grew up in Pendleton County had to move away to make a living but still dream of returning to the area to raise our children or to retire. I appreciate the area much more since I have lived elsewhere and would like to preserve it for my children.

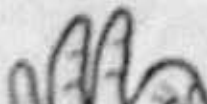
Liberty Gap is laughing all the way to the bank; they are preying on our greed and/or ignorance. Let us rise up and say NO. When they come to you and ask for a transmission easement, tell them to take a hike back to New Jersey, let them put wind farms there. Let the woes of Tucker County be a warning to us. If you get in bed with the devil, everyone will suffer for generations to come. People thought the digester idea stunk, but it smells like a rose compared to this idea. Remember you may not be able to see it from your back porch now, but if I th-

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Letters to the Editor

Taylor's Letter Termed Disingenuous

Editor, the Times:

Daniel Taylor's letter to the Times published last week using his experience with his wind generator to support the wind generator project on Jack Mountain area is disingenuous. His small wind generator located on the side of North Mountain is in no way comparable to the fifty megawatt units that are proposed for Jack Mountain. His wind generator is basically inoffensive mounted on an approximately 100-foot tower and having six to eight foot rotating blades. It does not stick above the top of the surrounding hill as the 300 to 400 foot towers on the top of the ridge as proposed for

the Jack Mountain site. In addition, his wind generator only supplies the nearby building and there are no large and long power lines running for miles across prime territory of the county.

After much rambling about other matters, Mr. Taylor states the following: "There are problems with the wind generator idea. As it now is being presented, it does not adequately benefit Pendleton County." The wind generator project will in fact have many negative effects on the county and the people that live here.

It is a known fact that the 100 to 150 foot rotating blades of wind generators do create unacceptable interference with mi-

crowave link radio equipment often used in communications systems. I have no knowledge of the potential interference with other types of communications systems. Will the whirling blades affect your satellite TV reception, cellular telephone use and the satellite positioning (GPS) system that is becoming important in emergency response? I am sure however, that detailed studies of this potential problem need to be investigated extensively by experts in the field. Such investigations should be made by independent organizations not connected in any way with the company proposing the wind generators in the county.

Bob Tuckerman

Editor, the Times:

The rural character of Pendleton County will be changed with Mountaintops bristling with 400-foot wind turbines rather than trees. Pendleton County will get very little return for what we give up. We get an ugly landscape and nine miles of 100-foot wide transmission lines in return for a very modest payment (estimated at \$100,000) that will only be paid when the Wind Turbine Facility is operating and will decline each year.

The Franklin substation will have to be upgraded at a cost of a million dollars to handle the power from the proposed wind turbines and others planned, and we the ratepayers of Allegheny Power will have to pay that cost even though the beneficiary is Liberty Gap Windforce, a private for-profit company. Pendleton County and West Virginia will get none of the power generated in our county.

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tions of these 400-foot towers from the railroad in Petersburg through our county to Jack Mountain.

Wind Turbines kill birds and bats. Bats that eat their body weight in insects every day are a valuable part of our environment.

Four hundred-foot tall wind turbines and additional transmission lines will destroy the quality of life in Pendleton County and severely limit our options for development in the future.

Tom Firor

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Based on Tucker County's experience, virtually no local people were hired for construction because it takes specifically trained workers to do the technical work of assembling these 400-foot towers according to specification so the warranty will be valid. In Tucker County, 200 jobs were promised and fewer than 10 local people were hired.

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Letters to the Editor

Resident Rebuts Last Week's Letter to Editor

Editor, the Times:

I was disappointed to read in last week's paper that Dan Taylor, based on his personal experience with small-scale wind power, would voice support for industrial-sized wind turbines as a progressive, beneficial development for Pendleton County residents. He is wrong in so many ways.

Most obvious is the error in failing to differentiate his office windmill from the behemoths proposed for Jack Mountain. His tower is 120' high with small, inconspicuous rotor blades. It's unnecessarily tall for my tastes but unfortunately we don't have a height limitation ordinance, as do our more enlightened neighbors in Highland County. However, I find it tolerable and not anywhere near as obtrusive as a tower with a 410 foot hub height and rotor blades 107 feet long, which makes the whole thing only 38 feet shorter than the Washington Monument. And that is just what Liberty Gap wants 50 of on Jack Mountain.

Dan's setup, but on a shorter tower, is actually what I would prefer to see throughout the county. It requires no transmission lines, no condemnation of property, no million-dollar upgrades to the North Franklin Substation, and no subsidies provided by the taxpayers. Individual homeowners through net metering could save money when the wind blows and pay Allegheny Power when it doesn't, just as Dan Taylor now does.

Dan also errs in thinking that these big turbines are clean and green energy producers. He mentioned the Netherlands as a

country that has come to an accommodation with these things. As one of the early adopters of this technology the Dutch are now discovering its limitations. Their Parliament is preparing to end government subsidies and already prohibits construction of any new land-based wind turbines.

Why the change in attitude? Because these machines produce power erratically, are unreliable and have destabilized the power grid to the point that conventional power plants must have stand-by capacity equal to the theoretical production capacity of the wind turbines to compensate for wind power's inadequacies.

Denmark, another early adopter, has more wind turbines per capita than any other country and the story is the same there. No more turbines are being erected, subsidies have ended and the Danish company Vestas, the world's largest manufacturer of industrial wind turbines, has set up shop in California and Wisconsin to take advantage of a gullible public present in the US. Gullible, I might add, because only one side of the story has been thus far presented.

The American Wind Energy Association, once the province of advocates and experimenters in off-grid home-scaled wind power, has been hijacked and bank-rolled to become a mouthpiece for the big players, all desperate to stay in business by finding new suckers for their machines. Politicians and legislators like these companies, too, especially the campaign contributions they provide. It also gives the politi-

cians an illusory fig leaf that they're doing something about greenhouse gases while ignoring the biggest source: automobile tailpipes.

Dan Taylor is also wrong in his projections of the economic benefits to Pendleton County. He ignores the loss of property values and instead imagines ridge upon ridge of giant wind turbines turning Pendleton County into a countywide "wind park" with turbine viewshed disturbance taxes uplifting the indigenous groups inhabiting the park. I am not interested in being paid for having to look at eyesores, and I doubt many other Pendletonians would be interested either.

Also, Dan's comment that this would be an "easy to do" money-maker fails to take into account that it's the state that determines what county assessors can

tax. They don't have the authority to specialty-tax as he puts it, "property that breaks the visual line."

I do agree with him on one point, though, which is that more could be done to promote all the recreational opportunities available in the county. However, I don't think these projects, such as Liberty Gap, are all that compatible with preserving the high quality level of those very recreational activities he and I both value.

Wind power does have a place in the energy picture, but it's place is home-based, net-metering windmills, not invasive, gigantic, infrastructure-intensive, industrial wind plants.

Sincerely,
Arthur Hooton
Riverton

Diabetic Education Classes Scheduled at Three Locations

Davis Health System (DHS) will offer Lifeskills™ diabetic education classes at three locations—Davis Memorial Hospital in Elkins, Buckhannon Medical Care in Buckhannon, and Broaddus Hospital in Philippi—in 2005. Lifeskills™ is a comprehensive program that teaches people with diabetes how to effectively manage the disease.

Eloise Hollen, a registered dietician and certified diabetes educator for DHS, coordinates the program locally.

"Over a six-month period, patients will receive ten hours of instruction that can result in a higher quality of life," she said. "Lifeskills™ teaches people how to manage diabetes-related problems. Whether a person has been newly diagnosed or have had diabetes for an extended period of time, they can still benefit from the program."

During Lifeskills™ classes, participants are educated about proper nutrition, exercise, blood glucose monitoring, and other useful diabetic tools. In addition, the program will address diabetic concerns about foot, skin, and dental care.

"We have a wonderful resource in Julie Fleming, physical thera-

pist and certified wound specialist," Hollen said. "She will assist in the foot care component of the program." Fleming is one of many educators working with Lifeskills™.

"I am extremely proud and excited to work with all of the educators that who are involved with Lifeskills™," Hollen said.

All participants of the program will receive a diabetic wellness manual for use during the class and for reference afterwards.

The Lifeskills™ program is recognized by the American Diabetes Association for meeting specific education standards which qualifies the program to be covered under Medicare, as well as many other insurance plans.

Group size is limited to ten participants to allow for individual attention, according to Hollen. The goal is to focus on the specific needs of participants so that they can better manage their diabetes-related issues. Small classes allow this to be done. The class schedule is as follows:

•Davis Memorial Hospital starting on Jan. 13 and Feb. 26.

•Buckhannon Medical Care

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Wind generators are an environmentally friendly way to generate the electricity that we all use—more environmentally friendly than most other ways of generating electricity. The choice is not Jack Mountain or no wind generation. There are options. If other people want to argue for or against Jack Mountain, please do not interpret my comments as being part of that debate. I would like something other than an argument. I want to see how we can find solutions that productively use the resources of this county so the people who live in this county

We can also farm tourists more effectively than we do now. It is great to have a Tourism Committee and a Chamber of Commerce. If we give these groups more creative ideas—and if they respond in openness—then we can create the number of jobs for the future as we lost with Hanover closing in the past.

We can farm energy too. Wind should be explored. The wind generator above Future Generations on North Mountain is good business. With open planning and discussion this county could make some steady money from farming energy. In addition to wind there are a number of places in the county to put small hydroelectric generators on our rivers. (Because I am saying this does not mean that I am proposing damming up the Smoke Hole.) The policy setting groups in our county should create a public discussion of these options, gather some facts that we can all discuss.

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I sat for a number of years on the Economic Development Authority when it was first started. What pleased me during those years was the way that body was able to discuss and explore issues without getting into fights. There are many exciting opportunities for Pendleton County—but each of these needs talk to make them work. The State Park idea is less than it could be because of argument; what we are getting today will give us fewer jobs than other designs could have. At least we are getting something. The Digester idea is an example of an idea that could have been changed and helped the county had we explored options without fighting.

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It is stupid to split this argument along "come here" and "local" lines. We are all in this county together. We need to start modifying proposals as they come forward so that the county's long term interests, all the people's interests, are best served. There are a number of groups that can lead this discussion. I hope that from one or two of these we can see forward-looking discussion.

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Pendleton County is a farming county. There are many things we can farm—and we need to develop a number of these ideas so we are not dependent on any one. Poultry, beef, sheep, fish—these we know and do today. We know how to farm our trees—but to-date we are mostly cutting them down and are not getting the jobs possible from further processing of the timber. How about adding more mushroom farmers to the county? Or bee keepers and fruit

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Pendleton County Commissioners and EDA members should carefully consider the close similarity of eminent domain to armed robbery.

Both acts involve the taking of legitimate property by force, against the will of the property owner.

When is it moral for a group to do that which is immoral for a member of that group to do alone?

How dare anyone even think

Letters to the Editor

County Is Beautiful, So Let's Keep It That Way

Editor, the Times:

Pendleton County should beware of "come heres".

"Come heres" in the form of 50 mammoth 400 ft. plus towers with propellers the length of 747 jets that will light up the night sky along 6-1/2 miles of Jack Mountain.

"Come heres" in the form of out of county land owners (only one land owner of the proposed site is from Pendleton County) who want to turn the most beautiful county in West Virginia (I feel the most beautiful in the world) into a wind turbine manufacturing plant. Yes, these 50 turbines are just the first of many that are proposed for this area.

"Come heres" in the form of out of state developers who will develop these wind turbine plants, reap millions from profits and tax incentives and move on. Developer Tom Mathews, resident of Pennsylvania, president of U.S. Wind Force, a Delaware based company, while defending the agreement with the County Commissioners to provide eminent domain for the developers' benefit, stated "I'm going to give you a little tough love here. If this community takes the position that we want electricity but don't want it generated in my back yard, well that's not my definition of looking at the greater good—(Pendleton County needs) to step up and provide more power to the rest of the United States." I say it is not energy that Mr. Mathews and U.S. Wind Force is concerned with but millions of dollars from tax free profits and incentives. I say NO to Mr. Mathews.

Pendleton County owes him nothing! We do not want our land spoiled for his benefit. How dare he! West Virginia has given and given and given. Of its resources, its veterans (more killed per capita in all 20th century wars than any other state), and its people. NO, Mr. Mathews we don't owe you a thing! Mr. Mathews also replied to a statement saying that these 400 foot plus towers would be a blight on the landscape that he thought his product (the turbines) were sleek and sexy! Well, that's another story!

"Come heres" who will buy the wind turbines once they are developed and have no connection or concern for the county and its citizens. Florida Power and Light owns the wind turbine generating plant in Tucker County. All the electricity generated by these plants goes out of West Virginia. Not one watt of energy is consumed here!

These plants are taxed on salvage value only. The projects can be completely depreciated in five years. The taxes are adjusted each year in consideration of the depreciation. There are no provisions for reclamation of the land (taking these monstrosities down when their useful life is exhausted).

"The Washington Post" front-page article of Jan. 1 stated the severity of the bat kill by wind turbines in the Appalachian Mountains. The article and accompanying picture involved the wind turbine facility in Tucker County. In answer to this article Randall Swisher, Executive Director, American Wind Energy Association, wrote in a letter to the Editor of "The Washington

Post" on Jan. 10 that the industry "has formed and funded the Bats and Wind Energy Cooperative," and that together with the wind companies they are "supporting a cutting-edge bat-research plan to assess the problem and to test solutions." Let's wait for the solutions before any consideration is given to building additional wind turbines. After these turbines are built, it will be too late.

Pendleton County is special. Let us protect it. This is not an issue of people born here versus people who have moved here.

This was shown at the meeting of Friends of Beautiful Pendleton County on Jan. 10. Of the approximately 130 people present at least two thirds were people who qualify as old family and have lived here all of their lives. The rest of us chose to live here because Pendleton County, its land and its people are unique and precious. Let's all work together to keep it that way.

Paulette Roberts
Moyers, West Virginia
Landowner and Taxpayer in
Pendleton County 21 years
Full time resident 19 years

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Wind generators are an environmentally friendly way to generate the electricity that we all use—more environmentally friendly than most other ways of generating electricity. The choice is not Jack Mountain or no wind generation. There are options. If other people want to argue for or against Jack Mountain, please do not interpret my comments as being part of that debate. I would like something other than an argument. I want to see how we can find solutions that productively use the resources of this county so the people who live in this county benefit—both today and in the future protect what is special about Pendleton County.

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We can also farm tourists more effectively than we do now. It is great to have a Tourism Committee and a Chamber of Commerce. If we give these groups more creative ideas—and if they respond in openness—then we can create the number of jobs for the future as we lost with Hanover closing in the past.

We can farm energy too. Wind should be explored. The wind generator above Future Generations on North Mountain is good business. With open planning and discussion this county could make some steady money from farming energy. In addition to wind there are a number of places in the county to put small hydroelectric generators on our rivers. (Because I am saying this does not mean that I am proposing damming up the Smoky Hole.) The policy setting group in our county should create public discussion of these options, gather some facts that we can all discuss.

The point is that we need a discussion. This county has not advanced by fighting proposals. Opportunities have passed us already—and we are left with a situation where our children are leaving this county because they cannot get jobs. Meanwhile without full discussion people coming here who build new homes, drive up land prices, bring new jobs.

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Wind Facility Foe Shares Letter to Del. Michael

Editor, the Times

Now that the State lawmakers have returned in Charleston, I thought it might be appropriate to share with the readers of *The Pendleton Times* a recent letter I sent to Delegate Harold S. Michael.

An Open Letter to Harold S. Michael

Congratulations on your re-election. We in Pendleton County are deeply appreciative of the work you have been able to leverage your position and expertise on the House Finance Committee to help us secure additional revenue for badly needed projects and programs. The school system is particularly indebted to you.

Pendleton County needs you very much, only this time it doesn't have a price tag. We need your help in promoting so-called "wind farms" from selling up shop and destroying the most important economic resource Pendleton County has - the incomparable landscape that forms the basis for our tourism businesses and the revenue base - animal farms and related work.

Proponents of wind farms have touted them as "clean and green" energy sources, when, in fact, they are unreliable and inefficient producers of energy, requiring all kinds of Federal and State subsidies along with negatively minded artificial markets to give them any viability. They have been successful in the promotion of wind farms because money talks louder than facts, and the distractions of the will wind turbines that is now occurring in the European countries that were the early adopters of this technology has no more to do with the well known status of "improved performance" in the foreign manufacturing of these turbines. They are intent on selling their dream of "21st century development" without due consideration of what will be the real and permanent market value.

Let me tell you what

friends and supporters in Pendleton County by sponsoring legislation to accomplish the following:

- Level the playing field so that wind electric generation plants pay the WV Business & Occupation Tax on the same basis as do other energy producers and not on the scrap value basis of the equipment

- Allow county assessors the authority to assess wind electric generation plants on a 20-year useful life depreciation schedule without regard to the accelerated depreciation allowed on Federal tax returns

- Go on record that the Finance Committee does not look favorably upon legislation that creates special financial incentives for private wind developers to operate in West Virginia.

I have heard from some that you may favor wind plants in West Virginia, and my response has been that Harold Michael is too good a friend of Pendleton County to support any project that would destroy the major asset our county has - its spectacular scenery. Maybe a wind plant fits the bleak landscape of Mt. Storm, but it surely doesn't have a place in Pendleton County. I would be pleased to meet with you or your staff to explain how industrial wind plants are not an economically or ecologically justifiable solution to atmospheric carbon loading issues but just a cleverly disguised tax dodge.

I along with many other voters in Pendleton County

ward to your reply and, with your permission, please www.protectpendleton.com

Article

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March 1st is the last date the delinquent count of 2-1/2% on all Second Quarter 2004 taxes can be allowed. Interest at the rate of 9% has been accumulating on all unpaid First Quarter taxes since October 1, 2004.

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Sheriff, Pendleton Co.

Writer Encourages Times' Good Work

Editor, the Times

Just wanted to say I enjoyed this portion in your paper in December, "A Soldier's Christmas" and "The Gift," which I clipped for my scrapbook.

You in Penn State by Roger D. DeLozier, "The Game is the Game" was very nice.

Just also to thank that Helen Knight also has written a second book, "I Was a Slave," and I hope in the future you will allow the readers whom they look up to peruse it. I am looking it up in a study of West in America, VA.

Thank you for your good work.

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Re-Enactment of Battle of Riverton Slated

Again, this year the roar of musket fire will echo thru Hinkle Gap as re-enactors depict the first invasion of Federal troops into Pendleton County, March 2, 1862. On March 6, at 1:30 p.m. in the Clinton Hedrick Community Building, Riverton, the Order of the Bonnie Blue Phoebe Warner Chapter, together with other local organizations will host a program before the battle re-enactment. The main speaker will be Richard Wolfe, on the Early Civil War in Western Virginia. There will be a question and answer session on the Civil War in Pendleton County. After the program, everyone is invited to the actual battle site for the re-enactment. The battle site is one-half mile from Riverton on the road to Seneca Caverns. Anyone having Civil War era letters, artifacts, photos, stories, etc. and would like to share them are most welcome to do so.

If interested in being a part of the program or re-enactment, please contact 304-358-3261 or email orderbonnieblue@msn.com.

The following account of the events that took place March 2, 1862, was given by George W. "Fatty" Hammer, and printed in the South Branch Review, 1912. Mr. Hammer was not in the battle, but a boy in the neighborhood at the time, and taken prisoner.

Fifty years ago, on last Friday, March 1st, that is on March 1st 1862, the Federal forces under Col. Lathrum, a West Virginian, first invaded Pendleton county. The force consisted of about 900 men, taken from the Federal forces stationed at Beverly and at Cheat Mountain. They came into the county by way of what is now Harman, and went into camp near Mouth of Seneca.

The next day, which was Sunday, a portion of this force, under the command of Lieut. Weaver, of the 8th Ohio regiment, came up the North Fork in the direction of what is now Riverton. There was a small force of Confederate cavalry in the neighborhood and a small company of militia, under the command of Capt. Joseph H. Lantz. The cavalry and a few persons known as "Dixie Boys" planned an ill-advised attack on this force in the gap east of Riverton. The Dixies were to fire on the Federals from the mountainside and the cavalry was to charge them in front.

The boys faithfully carried out their part of the plan and for the first time in their history those North Fork hills echoed and re-echoed the sounds of hostile guns. For the first time in their lives the people were face to face with the horrible results of war. The cavalry instead of going to the assistance of the boys fled in all haste in the direction of Franklin. Captain Lantz, and his company were not engaged.

This enabled the Federals to concentrate their fore on the few "Dixie Boys" with the result that they were quickly dispersed and two of their number, Perry Bland and Thomas Powers were killed.

Captain Lantz with several members of his company and others, to the number of about 80 in all were taken prisoners, and conveyed first to Beverly and then to Wheeling, where Capt. Lantz and two or three others took the oath of allegiance and were permitted to return to their homes.

The others were taken to Camp Chase, OH, and some of them later to Johnson's Island in Lake Erie, where they were held until exchanged. Among the lat-

ter was Geo. W. Hammer, then a mere boy, not yet old enough for military service, who happened to be in the neighborhood at the time and to whom we are indebted for much of the information on which this article is based.

It is hoped that some one from the neighborhood in which this event took place, or some participant in the same, who is in possession of all the facts and details will supply them in a future number of the Review.

—South Branch Review, 1912

Hopewell

It is starting to rain here this evening, Sunday, and the weatherman is calling for bad weather for the next couple of days.

Christina Raines was visiting Josh Simmons and Donna, Mark and Holly Kisamore on Saturday.

Hattie Huffman is wished a speedy recovery after having a fall Friday and receiving a broken hip. "We miss you Miss Hattie!"

Ona Warner's visitors were Bud and Gwen Bland and Jerry Bland of Cabins and Doris and Richard Huffman of North Fork Flats.

Anita Warner and son, Nathaniel, were visiting Pauline and Park Huffman at Onego on Sunday.

Betty Radar of Dailey is spending some time with her mother, Elsie Warner.

Sam Parrish of Job was visiting Ashley Burns on Saturday. Dan Burns was visiting on Sunday.

Lorene Warner celebrated her big "50" on Feb. 16. She is the daughter of Ona Bland Warner and the late Burke Warner.

The Prayer of St. Francis Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.

Where there is hatred, let me sow love;

Where there is injury, pardon;

Where there is doubt, faith;

Where there is despair, hope;

Where there is darkness, light

Where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master, grant that

may not so much seek to be

consoled as to console;

To be understood as to understand;

To be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive

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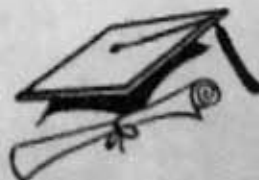
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It is in dying that we are born

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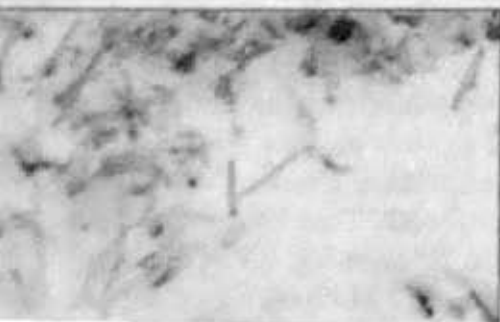
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Superintendent of Schools

On Thursday, the Pendleton County Board of Education met in special session and selected Doug Lambert as interim school superintendent until June 30, the end of the current fiscal year.

State law required the school board to name an interim successor within 48 hours after the untimely death of superintendent Ken Price.

An Upper Tract native, Lambert has been the principal of Pendleton County High School (PCHS) since the 2002-03 school year.

"The greatest gift I can give this position is to continue what Ken [Price] has started here," Lambert said on Monday.

He was previously assistant principal of Petersburg High School for seven years while also serving as the school's athletic director for five years.

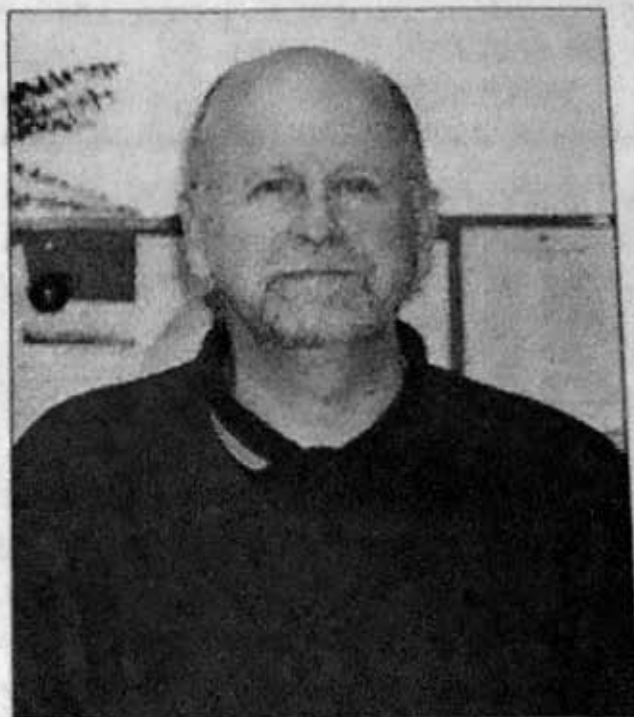
His teaching career began at Union High School in 1978.

A 1973 graduate of Franklin High School, he graduated from Fairmont State College with a degree in secondary education.

He obtained a master's degree from WVU in education administration in 1985.

At Petersburg High, Lambert was an assistant boys basketball coach for four years and the head coach of the Lady Vikings until 1991.

Regarding his new position,



Doug Lambert

good county because of its people and their good values."

His wife, the former Vickie Nesselrodt, is a second-grade teacher at Petersburg.

The son of Sterle and Joy Lambert, he is the father of two boys, Ryan and Corey, and one girl, Katie.

His son, Ryan, recently graduated from Bridgewater College with a degree in education.

Another son, Corey, is a sophomore at Potomac State and plans to become a teacher.

Katie Lambert is an All-State basketball player at Petersburg High School, where she is a senior.

About five colleges have expressed an interest in her as a basketball player, and, according to her father, she plans to

Activist Shares Wind Power Concerns With

Editor, the Times:

Please allow me to share a recent correspondence that sheds light on the effects of high mountain wind power facilities on local residents: "I live in Tucker County approximately 1.5 miles from the Backbone Mountain wind turbines and have tried everything to get used to them. A brief visit to one of the viewing areas certainly gives no true impression of what it is like to be forced to live with them. We have now suffered for three long years under their hideous shadows. They have taken over the entire landscape and are in our sight no matter where we go day or night, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. The movement is impossible to ignore no matter how hard we try and the noise they make travels miles and miles down the mountains and hollows

disturbing people who cannot even see them from their homes. I compare the noise to Chinese water torture or fingernails on a chalkboard or water dripping in a pan. Even on the calmest summer nights the endless drumming goes on; windows-closed, pillows-over-the-head, it is still inescapable. While we were led to believe this would be a clean, quiet, pristine, and environmentally-friendly way to address energy problems and give a huge boost to our ailing economy, I feel we have been tricked. There appears to be no recourse or plan to compensate us for property value losses, erosion of our quality of life, or mental anguish. Besides these 44 wind turbines, thousands more are in the pipeline! God help us!"

I would never sentence anyone to such an existence no matter where they live. And I cannot

believe our Public Service Commission or Legislators want to either. Indeed, we have to face up to our energy situations in the U.S./WV, but is creating more suffering the way we want to go? Surely, national leadership for conservation during a transition period of incited research and expedited engineering equal to space travel, biomedical, and communication technology is preferable.

West Virginia has and continues to give more than its share. I think it is time to clean up our act (creating new jobs in the process), protect what little we have left, and perhaps insist on a few sacrifices, if necessary, somewhere else.

Linda Cooper, President
Citizens for Responsible
Wind Power, Inc.

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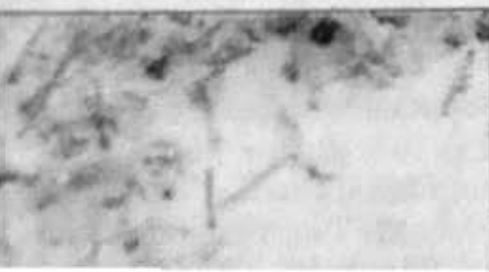
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funding provided for the distance learning consortium, in which educational resources are pooled, in honor of Price's memory.

"He was truly a gentleman and a great educator," Plymale said in the Metro News broadcast. "He had his pulse on what was happening in Pendleton County. He truly was interested in the kids and was constantly thinking of ways to better serve them."

Word of his death spread rapidly through the community on Tuesday evening. Expressions of shock were universal. Feelings of sadness and grief were palpable throughout the county for days.

On Saturday morning in the John M. Dice Fieldhouse, over 400 people were present for a memorial service in honor of Price.

Darwin Collins, a longtime friend of the Price family, presided over the event.

The memory of Ken Price the educator was invoked. So, too, was the profound memory of Price as a friend, father, son and pillar of the community.

Jim Bowen spoke of Price's impact on the county seat, where he had emerged as a leader of the mill fighting Pendleton County Chapter of Commerce.

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a devoted friend to herself, her husband (J. D. Wilkins, a member of the school board) and her children.

Her poise was remarkable because of how obviously overwhelming the grief was that she managed somehow to subdue.

Price's legacy as an educator rests on more than his advocacy of educational needs in rural areas.

After receiving a degree in special education from West Chester State College, he taught here for a year and then served as the director of special education for Pendleton County schools from 1977 until 1989.

He returned to Pendleton in 1997, after the battle over school consolidation was over, and served as the principal of Circleville school in its final year of existence.

He obtained a master's degree from the West Virginia College of Graduate Studies in 1982 and received an education administration degree from James Madison University in 1986.

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Cassell said, "I worked with the best administrator I ever worked with. He was respected by everyone and in the region."

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Board president Don Price said "All good leaders leave a legacy; that almost always says the same thing. The reason we miss a great leader is that he instills that vision around him."

Dr. Kevan Hooper, vice-president of the school system, said "the lines of communication were improved morally and we all enjoyed working with him."

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Reapp Begin

The fourth phase of the mandated reorganization property will be

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With warmth and gentle humor, Senator Helmick spoke of Price and his legacy as a tireless, creative and effective advocate at the highest levels of state government on behalf of children, teachers and schools in rural locales.

A deeply moving and powerful eulogy was delivered by Cindy Wilkins, a teacher at North Fork Elementary School, where Price served as principal from 1998 until 2001, when he succeeded Paul Clayton as superintendent.

Wilkins seemed to struggle somewhat to maintain strict composure as she recalled Price as an inspirational educator, a

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Bucher also talked about how, as superintendent, Price had insisted that policy decisions be student-centered rather than adult-driven.

In the end, Bucher recalled, Price repeatedly said he wanted it to be remembered for decisions that "made sense" during his tenure as superintendent, which was to expire in two years.

On more than one occasion over the past year, Price told this writer that he was looking forward, at least for a time after he retired, to getting up in the morning and enjoying the sweet freedom of "not having to do anything."

A beaming, buoyant Price also said on those occasions, "And I'm really looking forward to being able to spend more time with that beautiful..."

Former superintendent and current school board member Grey Cassell called the hiring of Price in 1976 one of the best decisions he ever made.

Cassell said, "Ken was one of the best administrators I've ever worked with. He was well-respected by everybody in the state and in the region."

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Board president Jack Vogel said "All good leaders have a vision; that almost goes without saying. The reason Ken was a great leader was his ability to instill that vision in the people around him."

Dr. Kevan Hoover, the board's vice-president, said, "Ken opened the lines of communication in the school system and greatly improved morale. People actually enjoyed coming to work."

"Our entire school system will miss Ken," Hoover continued, "but I feel especially sorry for God and hope that God blesses her and Ken's family."

J. P. Mowery, the finance officer

for county schools, observed that "Ken was always thinking about new ways to get the job done, but the one characteristic above all others that I will remember was the way he treated his employees, including me. He encouraged us to be at our best, while allowing us the freedom necessary to be just that. His door was always open."

Mowery also recalled the occasions when he traveled to Charleston with Price to discuss school finances with the chairs of the House and Senate finance committees.

He remembered how "Ken would lead the way through the maze of corridors to the different offices, and I would follow, glad that he knew where he was going."

"He always seemed to know where he was going."

On Friday afternoon, as this writer was struggling with the fact that Price, a youthful 58 who radiated the ebullience of one just entering the prime of his life, was taken away too soon, much too soon, Bucher said, "We lost a friend, a really good friend."

Diary of a Civil War Soldier Shared

Sugar Grove

The following Civil War Diary was copied by James Kiser of Woodstock, VA, from "62nd Virginia Infantry" by Roger V. Delanter, Jr. and given to Reid Homan. The diary is that of Harvey Kiser, who enlisted Sept. 13, 1862, in Highland County and died May 18, 1864, at the Battle of New Market, VA.

"Harvey Kiser his book brought at Millboro Sta. Bath County (Virginia) March 30th, 1864

Easter Sunday on guard at Millborough March the 27th, 1864

Easter Monday in camp 28th

Tuesday in camp sick 29th

Wednesday sick in camp 30th

Thursday worked on the fortifications at three rifle pits March 31st

At Millboro Bath County Va.

Camp near Millboro on the first day of April 1864 chopping

Saturday chopped all day April 2nd

Sunday 3rd 1864 made road to day worked two hours and then left and came back to the fortifications in Rockbridge

Monday they came to deerfield and stay all night at the widow Claytons

Tuesday 5th came on past camp Washington to the top of the mountain and post 7 and then cross Shavers Ridge and lay all night at Wilson at the

Cowposture River.

Wednesday the 6th came through Highland and down to Hiners Mill and stay all night on picket at Hiners Mill (Note: Hiners Mill: On White Thorn between Moyers and Doe Hill)

Thursday 7 came home about twelve oclock and stay all night

Friday the 8 went to camp at Hiners Mill

Got there at seven oclock and then went down to Uncle Dan Stones Stay there till after night and then went to camp

Saturday the 9 came to the Thorn School house and stay all night

Sunday the 10 our picket at the fork of the road that goes up to Uncle Bills

Monday the 11 went home and stay all night

Tuesday went to the Thorn camp and then moved over to Mc Coys Mill and went on picket

Wed the 13 our picket a Mc Coys Mill

Relieved that evening

Thurs the 14 in camp

Friday the 15 in camp McCoys Mill

Saturday the 16 in camp till one oclock and then left and then went down to Alec Hammers and lay all night at Hammers

Sunday the 17 went down two miles below Hammers and stay till night and then took up a line of march and marched all night down through the Mallow settlement

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New Market. Stayed in line 2
hours and then went in camp
clost by about four oclock in the
evening. We saw the Yankees
coming and charged down
through New Market. The
Calvary charged the Yankees
and took of them..."

The writer wishes to thank
James Kiser and Reid Homan for
sharing this piece of history with
her readers.

To some, the snow brought
beauty, so others work. The
students have been out of school
five consecutive days. By now,
the students have returned to
concentrate on habits of
learning, while the snow has all
but disappeared thanks to the
warm rays of the sun. Weather
forecasts indicate lower tem-
peratures with snow showers.

Evelyn Varner enjoyed the
weekend visit of Dorman and
Josephine Hedrick of Peters-
burg. She enjoyed her first mess
of dandelion Monday evening.
Spring must be just around the
corner!!

Willadene Simmons enjoyed
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Everett and Leora Grogg are
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Friday 6 came down within 2 miles of Woodstock and lay all night

Sat 7 in camp close Woodstock

Sun 8 in camp till twelve oclock and then went down to Woodstock and took the back road went 4 miles north west of Woodstock and lay all night

Monday 9 in camp 4 miles north west of Woodstock and then came up to Edinburg got there at 11 oclock in the night

Tues Morning 10 left Edinburg and came up close Mt Jackson and camped the distance being 7 miles

Wed 11 in camp till 4 oclock in the evening and then moved up 4 miles above Mt Jackson and went in camp dark when we got there

Thurs 12 in camp 4 miles above Mt Jackson the Yankees

daughter, Rose Stahl of Harrisonburg, VA, and Phil Downs of Lorton, VA.

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Faithful visitors of their loved one, Everette Rexrode of Pendleton Nursing Home, are Linda, Jim and Doris Rexrode. They are finding Everette to be in a more jovial mood.

Visitors of Erma Moats were Phil Downs of Lorton, VA, Willadene Simmons and Wanda Pitsenbarger of Franklin.

Concerns this week are for the families of Gilbert Simmons, Virgil Shanholtz, Edgar Nelson, Ken Price, Wilma Huffman and Virginia Rosalie Vogel; and

Franklin Presbyterian Church — Carolyn Sponaugle, Becky Schlaegel, Hattie and George Lovegrove, Louise Forinash, Mable Roberson, Harriet McCoy, Wanda Gahr, Bill Harr, Mike Sites, John Ed Jenkins and the families of Edgar Nelson, Sally Kirk, Anna L. Hedrick and Virginia Vogel.



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County Resident Opposes Wilderness Designations

A bold and articulate new voice speaking on behalf of forestry and the recreational use, including hunting and fishing, of public lands has emerged in Pendleton County.

That voice belongs to Dennis LaBare, who, with his wife, H. Stacy (Miller) LaBare, is a resident of Upper Tract.

Working with the influential West Virginia Forestry Association, the also influential West Virginia Farm Bureau, outdoorsmen, logging operators and such business firms as Allegheny Wood Products, LaBare is seeking the introduction of a resolution in the state legislature opposing the creation of any new wilderness area designations in West Virginia.

Educated as an applied stream ecologist at the University of Maine and Towson State University, where he earned a master of science degree, LaBare became an active contributor to Trout Unlimited in 1975.

Now retired, he formerly operated an environmental consulting firm and has taught a graduate level course on stream

more, MD, the city of his birth.

His wife, a Dartmouth College-trained cartographer with a master's in forestry from the University of Maine, is his partner in all forest-related issues and activism.

On Friday, LaBare, who is also a widely published author, sat for a no-holds-barred interview in which he spoke passionately about his opposition to the wilderness movement.

"The 'wilderness movement,'" LaBare said, "is a coalition of environmental groups featuring organizations loaded with full-time staffers pursuing an aggressive preservationist agenda, all backed by left-leaning individuals with millions of dollars to support them."

"Besides the money," he declared, "this agenda is undergirded by a philosophy of extremism finding its roots in the teachings and writings of a Harvard ecologist, E. O. Wilson. Wilson's basic premise is that humankind should make its living by occupying about half the landscape, while the other half is essentially uninhabited and unde-

Brochure Highlights Local Civil War Heritage, Sites

A handsome new brochure aimed at stimulating local tourism focuses on the richness of Civil War heritage and history in Pendleton County.

Entitled "War Between the States in Pendleton County: How the Civil War Forged Pendleton," the richly illustrated and exceptionally well-written brochure was funded by the Pendleton County Chamber of Commerce and the West Virginia Humanities Council with information furnished by two organizations, the Sons of Confederate Veterans and the Order of the Bonnie Blue.

The highly informative brochure describes the first raid into Pendleton County by Union troops, which took place in March, 1862, the murder of Reverend Ambrose Washburn and the occupation of Franklin by Union troops, who referred to it as "a

dirty little Virginia town."

The must-read brochure also contains short articles on the use
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War Between the States in Pendleton County



How the Civil War Forged Pendleton

Resident Defends Wilderness Movement

Editor, the Times:

I read the front page article in the March 17th Times in opposition to wilderness and decided I must respond and rebut. This is a complex issue with many facets, so this response will be likewise.

Since you gave Mr. Dennis LaBare's credentials, let me supply my own. I, too, was born and raised in Baltimore, MD. I have a bachelor's in biological sciences, with high honors and distinction from the University of Delaware and a master's degree and a diploma for advance graduate study in zoology from Michigan State University. After graduate school, I worked as an aquatic ecologist for an environmental consulting firm, during which time I performed work for such clients as Westvaco, Consolidation Coal, American Electric Power Company, Appalachian Power, and Oak Ridge National Laboratories. Unlike Mr. LaBare, I did not retire to Pendleton County; I came here to earn a living as a high school teacher. My wife and I also operate a small farm.

I have seen many sides of many issues, and I understand the concept of balance between competing interests. The total of proposed and existing wilderness would be about 25% of the Monongahela National Forest, and less than 1.5% of the State of West Virginia. Can't we have a little balance here?

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left-leaning individuals with millions of dollars to support them." It is equally true that there are numerous anti-environmental groups with full-time staffers, backed by right-leaning individuals with millions of dollars to support them, too. Both groups also have moderate backers of modest means. How is this relevant to the rational discussion of the issues? Some of our students at Pendleton County High School are learning about some fallacies of logical argument, including "ad hominem." In this situation, rather than argue against a person's position, you attack the person's character, motives, etc. Sound familiar? Also in this regard, the word "propaganda" was also used in reference to preservationist groups. Make no mistake, Mr. LaBare's remarks also constitute pro-propaganda. Probably, so do mine.

Thirdly, E.O. Wilson did not start the wilderness movement. If anyone's philosophy undergirds the movement, it is the Land Ethic of Aldo Leopold, a game manager, researcher, and one of the founders of the Wilderness Society, who died in 1948. E.O. Wilson and many others are concerned about preserving the biodiversity of the world because humans rely on healthy, functioning ecosystems for our own health. As to limits on human use of the landscape, I am unaware of the half and half proposition (by the way, students, this is an example of the "slippery slope" fallacy). I do know that at the present time, humans worldwide are rare in or absent from a substantial part of the landscape. My question is, is this a bad thing? What do Pendletonians think of the sprawl that has been occurring in Rockingham County?

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These groups also do not depict rural West Virginians as ignorant hicks, and I am

warmly welcomed at the EDA meeting. I'm just sorry that the information presented by the Wilderness Coalition was so poorly received. I think we need to get as much information as we

can on all sides of an issue, in order to make the best decisions we can about our future.

Respectfully,
Donald J. Wagner

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On the other hand, logging activities uncover bare ground resulting in sedimentation in streams during rainfall events. Among other effects, this sedimentation clogs pores in gravel beds, eliminating trout spawning areas. I ask the sportsmen and sportswomen of Pendleton County, of how many naturally reproducing populations of native brook trout are you aware?

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Sixth, the economics issues are very complex. While it may be true that very little money may come directly from wilderness users, a large number of other users of the Monongahela Forest are attracted by the fact that wilderness exists nearby. Also note that the nature of a wilderness is that it has few people using it, and that they are designated in places that have had very little use and no roads. If this land is not currently generating any tax revenue, it is not fair to say that this money would

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When it landed at the bottom of the hill, a tiny pebble had gained the weight and force of a boulder.

The metaphorical "pebble" started rolling last fall, when Almost Heaven Habitat for Humanity received an application

Legislature Mulls Wilderness Issue

A resolution opposing the further designation of federal wilderness acreage within the Monongahela National Forest has been introduced in the West Virginia House of Delegates.

The resolution, introduced as House Concurrent Resolution No. 49, has 35 co-sponsors, including at least two highly placed members of the House's political leadership—Delegate Harold K. Michael, the chair of the House finance committee, and Delegate Rick Staton, the House majority leader.

In the state Senate, another resolution also proposes to put the legislature on record as opposed to the expansion of federal wilderness areas in the Monongahela National Forest.

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 67 is sponsored by Senator Walt Helmick, the chair of the Senate finance committee, Senator Robert Plymale, the chair of the Senate education committee and Senator Ed Bowman, who chairs the government organization committee.

The resolution also bears the names of three prominent Republican state Senators—minority leader Vic Sprouse, Sarah Minear and Karen Facemyer.

Federal officials are presently at work on the promulgation of the next 15-year plan for the Monongahela National Forest.

The House resolution calls upon the legislature to recognize

miles south of Franklin.

The house trailer is a single-wide and is said to date from the 1950s. It is also said to be a dwelling that does not accommodate the needs of a disabled individual in a wheelchair.

that "any expansion of federal wilderness and/or the imposition of any other unreasonable restrictive land management measures would result in losses in recreational opportunity and severe economic harm to far more West Virginians that would be benefited."

A legislative supporter of the resolutions said last Thursday, "Designating additional portions of the forest as wilderness areas is an idea that sounds nice, sounds 'warm and fuzzy.' But, in reality, what it does is place further restrictions on the use of lands that have already been set aside for preservation by the public for public use.

"Yes, you can hunt and fish in wilderness areas, but timbering is off limits. And there are recreational limits that come with wilderness designations, too—mountain biking is prohibited, for example. The federal law on wilderness areas dates from the 1960s, before mountain-biking came into vogue, and the law proscribes 'mechanized transport,' and mountain bikes, not just jeeps and trucks and ATVs, fall within the definition of mechanized transport.

"We just don't need further restrictions placed upon public use of the national forest in West Virginia. The fact is, some well-meaning individuals, if they had their way, would preserve some of the state's eastern counties to

ily selection.

Those guidelines include a need for adequate shelter, the ability to pay for mortgage, utilities, taxes, insurance and other home ownership costs, proof of

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death."

The Senate resolution notes that "the governing bodies and economic development authorities in the counties of Grant,

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As reported in "The Pendleton Times" almost a month ago, the folks at "National Geographic" are publishing that magazine's first-ever cultural tourism map.

It is a cultural and tourism guide to the 13 Appalachian region states in the eastern US.

Editors at "National Geographic" evaluated more than 1,000 Appalachian sites recommended by each of the 13 states' divisions of tourism.

Those editors selected 356 total sites.

Of those 356 sites in 13 states, 47 are in West Virginia, and two of those 47 are to be found in Pendleton County—Spruce Knob and Seneca Rocks.



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It is worthy to note that
Nicholas Bargerhoff was one of
the Pendleton pioneers who
served in the American services.
Other pioneers serving were
George Bible, Major Robert
Davis, Garvin Hamilton, Henry
Huffman, James Keister,
William Lawrence, Henry
Mallow, Alexander McQuain,
Zachariah Rexroad, Henry
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It is thought that the number
of Pendleton pioneers who
served in the Continental Army
during the Revolution, or in the
militia service, was considerable,
but the knowledge of that is
incomplete. No record appears to
have been preserved, even in the

Augusta or Rockingham
archives. No mention is ever
made of Nicholas Bargerhoff's
whereabouts in this county.

Nancy and Fuzzy Sims report
that Jesse had a wonderful time
spending spring break in San
Padre Island, TX. Nancy has just
returned from a wonderful
extended visit with her dad, Jim
Seale of Annandale, VA.

A delicious Easter dinner was
enjoyed at the home of Ed and
Mildred Kiser by Bob Fisher,
Judy and Bob Grimm, Roger,
Ann, Tina, Amanda and Andrew
Kiser and Kenneth Morris.

Philip Downs came from
Lorton, VA, to spend the
weekend with Willadene Sim-
mons. Rose Stahl and Eric
Tichenor of Harrisonburg, VA,
also visited over the weekend.
William and Philip attended
Good Friday Services at St. Paul
Lutheran Church, which she
reports was a very dramatic and
emotional performance by

members of the church. They
also attended the Sunrise and
Easter morning worship at St.
Paul.

Jimmy and Linda Rexrode
spent Easter Sunday with her
grandmother, Eva Thompson,
and family. On the way back
home, they stopped at Pendleton
Nursing Home, Franklin, to visit
Everette. Carolyn Smith came
from Staunton, VA, to spend time
with Everette. Then they visited
her mother, Doris Rexrode.

Bernard and Carolyn Wilfong
were Easter Sunday dinner
guests of Bob and Pat Bodkin
and family. Geneva Wilfong was
also in attendance.

Weekend guests of Virgil and
Jeanne Homan were Julie
Homan of Charlottesville, VA,
and Jill and Taylor Holmes of
Bridgeport. Reid Homan ate
Easter Sunday dinner with
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In addition to opposing new wilderness designations, the House resolution "further [requests] that the Forest Service implement a spatial reappropriation of management areas in the Monongahela National Forest to increase acreage available for active vegetation and timber management."

In this county, Dennis LaBare, a resident of Upper Tract, provided the movement to oppose further wilderness designations in the Monongahela National Forest with philosophical, scientific and rhetorical ballast.

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THE NEW DIRECTOR of the Division of Natural Resources Frank Jezioro, left, is shown with county resident Dennis LaBare, center, and Wildlife Resources chief, Curtis Taylor.

The new director of the state Division of Natural Resources (DNR) is Frank Jezioro.

He's a man who looks and sounds a lot more like a common, average old everyday West Virginian than his predecessor, the smooth, glib and politically seasoned Ed Hamrick.

When answering a question, Jezioro grows thoughtful.

He isn't searching for some gray neutral ground where the least amount of candor meets with the maximum amount of political hot air.

Instead, Jezioro, like any other

plainspoken, grew-up-huntin'-in-the-mountains West Virginian, is simply looking for the most direct avenue from what

his head and heart tell him to the simplest way to give an honest answer.

In other words, Jezioro really

does seem to be one of those rare public figures who, as the familiar saying goes, "says what he means and means what he say."

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— Frank Jezioro, DNR Chief

Resourceful Farmer Fights Soaring Gasoline Prices



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True to form, Jezioro, and Taylor, too, stated in no uncertain terms their opposition to the creation of additional wilderness acreage in the Monongahela National Forest.

"Our concern," Jezioro said, "is that it hampers wildlife management and habitat management."

He quickly pointed out that deer hunting in West Virginia "is a \$250 million a year business."

And those dollar figures, he averred, "are sustainable."

Taylor added that West Virginia is fifth in the nation in the out-of-state sale of non-resident hunting licenses.

But, the two DNR officials, were asked, aren't hunting and fishing allowed in wilderness areas?

"Yes," Jezioro answered, "but, in practical terms, a wilderness area is a fringe hunting area at best."

Noting that all forms of "mechanized transport" are barred from wilderness areas, Jezioro explained, "The simple fact of the matter is that most hunters don't want to hike back in there and then have to drag a deer three miles or more to get it out."

Taylor pointed to another problem posed by additional wilderness designations--DNR's ability to treat trout streams with lime, especially when the headwaters of a stream lie within a wilderness area.

Very finely ground limestone is used to raise stream pH to healthy levels where acid precipitation has become harmful to fish and the organisms upon which fish feed.

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Firemen Praised For Volunteerism

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On Sunday, April 3 (the day of the big wind), a tree took down a power pole on the property to the west of my home and a fire was ignited in the woods.

The Seneca Rocks Volunteer Fire Department responded in a prompt and professional manner and quickly had the fire under control. You don't appreciate the time and effort these good folks put in until you need them! They give of their own time, leave family, warm meals, friends, work, and home on a minute's notice to serve this community in all weathers and any time of day or

Cherry Grove

The area has had a few beautiful days and is glad not to have had 10 inches of snow like in Colorado.

Sympathy is extended to the family of Danny Judy, who passed away last week.

Lucy and Andrew Bennett were recent visitors of his sister, Luna Hagy, at Franklin. They trimmed up some trees that were damaged in the terrible windstorms a week ago. Sunday the Bennetts were visitors of Harlan and Jurline Wimer at Petersburg.

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In addition, large scenarios
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ing their homes. Smaller, casual
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Williamsville raiders, a scene
depicting a conscription, ration
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Reenactor coordinators have
deemed historic preservation
fund-raising as a goal this year
to benefit the Highland County
Museum and Heritage Center.
The museum will open to the
public during the event, al-
though the entire building will
not be accessible as the renova-
tion will not yet be complete.

When the museum opens, the
main hall, one exhibition room
and the battlefield orientation
center (complete with a profes-
sionally-produced documentary
film) will be available to guests.

A full slate of speakers will
give presentations at the
McDowell Presbyterian Church
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to everyday life in the Allegheny
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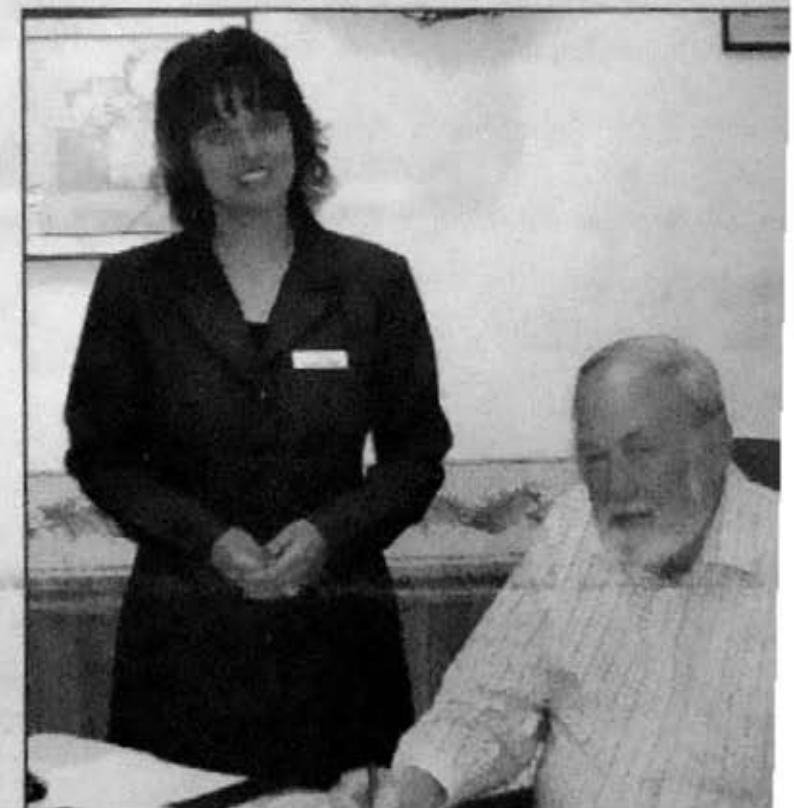
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shooters with his empty musket.
His descendants will attend the
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The bulk of the spectator
events are planned for Saturday
which historically draws the
largest crowds of the two-day
event.

Visitors to McDowell
Battlefield Heritage Days will
purchase tickets that will
allow them to tour the camp-
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Family Names Come from Various Origins

Sugar Grove

The origin, arrival and location of the Pendleton pioneers around the 1700s and 1800s is a very interesting matter in itself. Although all the settlers of Pendleton were not of the same national stock, they all were of the Protestant faith. They were also much alike in manners, political ideals and customs. Let's take a look at the particulars:

- Adamson-Irish-1850-Mouth of Seneca-merchant;
- Alt-German-1825-Smokehole;
- Anderson-Scotch-Irish-1825-two miles above Fort Seybert;
- Arbaugh-German (Aerbach)-1790-Circleville District;
- Armentrout-German (Hermantracht) - 1820-Brushy Run;
- Bennett - English - 1767 - North Fork;
- Bible - German (Beibel) - 1780-90 - Friends Run;
- Bland - English - 1773 - west side of North Fork Mountain;
- Blizzard - English - 1771 - opposite Fort Seybert;
- Boggs - Irish - 1816 - Mouth of Seneca;
- Bolton - German - 1805 - Trout Run;
- Bowers - German - (Bauer) - 1780 - Sugar Grove;
- Brady - Irish - 1850 - Sweedland Valley;
- Burgoyne - Irish - 1800 - Mill Run District;
- Calhoun - Scotch Irish - 1792 - West Dry Run;
- Cassell - French - 1767 - Friend's Run;
- Clayton - English - 1800 - Kline - tanner;
- Conrad - German - 1753 - Fort Seybert;
- Cowger - Scotch Irish - 1780 - Fort Seybert;
- Crigler - German - 1845 - Franklin - blacksmith;
- Crummett - German (Kromet) - 1787 - Crummett's Run;
- Dahmer - German - 1794 - Kline;
- Davis - Welsh - 1763 - below Brandywine;
- Dice - German (Deias) - 1757 - Fort Seybert and Friend's Run;
- Dickens - English - 1774 - below Brandywine;
- Dolly - German (Dahle) - 1799 - North Fork;
- Dove - German (Dusch) - 1810 - Sugar Grove District;
- Dunkle - German (Dunkel) -

- 1753 - near Fort Seybert;
- Dyer - Scotch Irish - 1747 - Fort Seybert;
- Eckard - German - 1780 - Stony Run;
- Evick - German (Ewig) - 1756 - South Fork;
- Eye - German (Auge) - 1768 - Thorn Valley;
- Gilkeson - Scotch Irish - 1850 - Fort Seybert;
- Greenawalt - German (Groenewald) - 1779 - Kline;
- Hammer - German - 1761 - South Branch Bottom;
- Harman - German - 1790 - Union District;
- Harper - German - 1756 - South Branch;
- Hartman - German - 1759 - Brushy Run;
- Hedrick - German - 1772 - below Ruddle;
- Helmick - English - 1788 - West Dry Run;
- Hevener - German (Heffner) - 1755 - Oak Flat;
- Hiner - German (Heiner) - 1774 - White Thorn;
- Hinkle - German (Henkel) - 1761 - Riverton;
- Hively - German (Heifel) - 1800 - Brandywine - miller;
- Holloway - Scotch - (Hener) - 1800 - Oak Flat;
- Hoover - German (Hueber) - 1763 - Brandywine; and
- Huffman - German - 1784 - South Branch.

As noted, many of the pioneer names still remain in the original location. The remainder of the pioneer information will be continued in next week's column.

Congratulations to Stephanie Wright and Kate Ruddle, who took first place at the State Social Studies Fair in Charleston on Saturday, April 23. The two ladies are the first students from Pendleton County High School to ever place at the state level in the competition. They made Pendleton County proud!

The area had something fall from the sky! It was snow! Temperatures dipped, and the wind blew. It didn't seem to daunt the ladybugs, more of which seemed to be inside than outside. What keeps them going?

Harold and Ellen Mitchell enjoyed the weekend in Charlottesville, VA, where they visited with members of the family.

A delicious ham and chicken potpie dinner was enjoyed at the Stony Run home of the late

Gordon Smith. The Saturday get-together was enjoyed by Willadene Simmons, Vada Wilfong, Sheba Rexrode, Wilda McDorman, Cleo Simmons, Charlotte Eckard, Cletus and Twila Smith of Dayton, VA, Loretta Margaret Simmons of Mt. Crawford, VA, Stanley and Jean Smith of Harrisonburg, VA, Doris Smith of Dayton, VA, Betty Glick of Harrisonburg, VA, and Phil Downs of Lorton, VA.

Weekend visitors of the Dolan Grogg family were the Steven Grogg family and Shannon Bolton of Harrisonburg, VA.

Jim, Linda and Doris Rexrode continue to visit with Everette Rexrode at Pendleton Nursing Home, Franklin. He continues to improve with his health.

The Pendleton Nursing Home friends of Everett and Leora Grogg enjoyed their Saturday visit.

Evelyn Varner's weekend visitors were Betty Glick of Harrisonburg, VA, Loretta Simmons of Mt. Crawford, VA, Sheba Rexrode, Wilda McDorman, Vernon and Cleo Simmons, Vernon Propst and Vada Wilfong.

Phil Downs accompanied Willadene Simmons to Franklin where the two enjoyed the evening of music. Rose Stahl and Eric Tichenor were also visitors of Willadene.

Tom and Paula Mitchell visited with Gene and Joyce Sheffer of Montezuma, VA. Other visitors were Tim, Jennifer, Allison and Morgan Hoover and Ernie and Diane Havener of Montezuma, VA.

Monday found Everett and Leora Grogg visiting with Shirley Eckard, who resides at the Bridgewater Nursing Home. They also visited with Tom and Judy Austin of Harrisonburg, VA.

Concerns are as follows: Arland Schonker, Marlin Rexrode, Shirley Moyers, Joe and Sharon Roper, Hilda Gordan, Colleen Swearingen, Judy Jolie, Margaret Mitchell, Conway and Arlene May, Delores Palle, Gia Bailey, Everette Rexrode, Susie Rexrode, Clad Hoten, Norman Puffenbarger, Mary Eckard and Charles Rexrode;

Mt. Hope, Upper Tract - Keith Kile, Mike Sites, Christy Horan, Israel Hammer, Mark Lambert and Rachel Roberson;

Faith Lutheran, Franklin - Frieda Propst, Meghan Lambert, Mary Rexrode, Thelma Maxwell, Myrtle and Virgil Rexrode, Ralph Landis, John Landis and Chester Goldizen; and

Franklin Presbyterian Church - Mable Roberson, Louise Forinash, Johnny A. Dahmer, Jamie Thompson, Freda Roberson and Mike Sites family.

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Computer Classes

Spruceknob.net will be offering a series of computer classes beginning May 10. The classes cover computer hardware and software, basic word-processing programs, email, and how to navigate the World Wide Web to find information. There are a total of 8 classes, the cost is \$10.00, payable the first night of class.

Classes will be held at the Geneva-Circleville High

ous families are still living in 1 x 20' trailers provided by FEMA while they wait for adequate housing.

supplies, and especially those who, like Smith and Hedrick, are willing to give of their time to serve others in need.

Rightsell, Callum McGrath, Timothy Hevener, Isaac Eye and Seth Eye. Absent from the photo are Wagoner, Hunter McConnell and Danielle Flinn; back row, Hevener, Isaac Eye and Seth Eye. Absent from the photo is Zachery Flinn.

Highland Co. Museum, Heritage Center To Open

The door to Highland County's history will swing open wide on Saturday, May 7.

That's the day the Highland Historical Society has selected for the grand opening of the Highland County Museum and Heritage Center.

When the museum opens during 2005 McDowell Battlefield Heritage Days, the main hall and the two front rooms will be available for public inspection. Refurbishing work will continue in the remaining rooms until each is completed.

The rooms that will be open in May will include one exhibition room housing samples of the fledgling collection of county artifacts, photos and documents the society is collecting; and a room focusing specifically on the Battle of McDowell.

Various historical items have been collected for the museum in the past few years...and the society is still looking for more. To date, items range from antique family photo albums to quilts and coverlets...and woolen petticoats to hand-made doll furniture.

The collection's largest item will be the museum building itself which was built in 1851 by George Washington Hull, a

wealthy landowner and son of Highland settler, Peter Hull. In the course of researching the Hull family's history, the society was put in touch with a Hull grandson in California who provided a never-before-seen portrait of George Washington Hull.

The home was one of the major buildings in the village during the Battle of McDowell. In fact, the building was used as a hospital for the injured and dying after the fighting.

In years to come, Hull's home would be sold to the Bradshaw family, who operated it as a hotel, "The Mansion House." The Mansion House became a stage-coach stop on the historic Staunton-to-Parkersburg Turnpike. Much like Hull, James Bradshaw was a prominent man in the community and served as the county surveyor.

From the early 1930s until 2002, the home served as a private home by the Ralston family.

It was only recently that the society acquired photographs of

the building which showed the original porch in place. Armed with this new information, a new porch has been designed to replicate the original and should be in place by the opening.

After the old porch was removed, an archeological dig headed up by society board member, Mike Wilke, revealed several artifacts and the original corners of the structure. Wilke and his crew located an 1889 Seated Liberty One Dime; an 1864 Indian Head Penny; and a 1916 Buffalo Nickel—all of which will be incorporated into an exhibit at the museum.

The battlefield orientation room will guide visitors through the events surrounding the Civil War Battle of McDowell on May 8, 1862. The event itself goes down in history as Confederate Gen. "Stonewall" Jackson's first victory in his legendary Valley Campaign. The highlight of the orientation will be a film about the battle shot on location in McDowell, VA, during Battlefield Heritage Days in 2003.

Much work is being prepared to prepare the historic building that day. The roof has been repaired and painted. Gutters and downspouts have been replaced. Drainage has been installed. The masonry has been cleaned and repainted. The interior has been completely finished with actual 1860s materials. The 1950's "modern" porch has been removed. Construction of a new porch is under way. Photos of the original building and the archeological inspection have been begun.

In the meanwhile, work is underway. Interior walls are being painted, a decorative ceiling is being installed, original walnut and pine work and cabinets are being restored.

The renovation of the Highland County Museum and Heritage Center is being funded by hundreds of individual donations, a Save America grant from the National Park Service, Shenandoah Battlefield Foundation, and Proteus Foundation.

Students Earn Ski Trip to Timberline

Eighty third- and fourth-grade students from Franklin Elementary School were found on the slopes of Timberline Ski Resort Feb. 14. On Feb. 15, 90 fifth and sixth graders hit the slopes of Timberline. These students earned this trip as a responsible student reward for the month of January.

Students spent time in physical education class learning basic skills for skiing. For many of these students, this was their first ski trip. All had a great time and look forward to next year's trip.


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feet — that the price US Wind Force/Liberty Gap Wind Force is offering landowners in return for 100-foot-wide swath across their property for a transmission line (T-line) easement, according to Robbie Sites, an opponent of industrial scale wind energy development in Pendleton County.

Sites was the main speaker at

by the Friends of Beautiful Pendleton County on April 25.

Sites acknowledged that the dollar figure he mentioned was based on hearsay, but he said he believes that the information is reliable.

The T-line would run from the proposed Liberty Gap site on Jack Mountain to an Allegheny Power substation behind Thompson's Motel in Franklin.

In an informal give and take with the approximately 22 people in attendance, several of whom were not North Fork residents, Sites said he has also heard that agents for Liberty Gap are saying to property owners that 27 parcels of privately owned land are needed to construct the approximately nine-mile T-line and that they are also saying that 22 landowners have agreed to grant easements for the T-line's construction.

Sites said he does not believe that 22 of 27 landowners have agreed to sell easements to Liberty Gap for that purpose.

"A lot of people are saying 'no' to T-lines," Sites declared.

He said some people are saying no "because they don't want them," while others are saying no because they don't want to upset neighbors who are opposed to having the T-line on their property.

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at Schedule of Events

Thursday, May 5

Smith Creek Playhouse

Friday, May 6

Crafters and Food Set Up

and Crafts

School Choirs at TMF Craft Building

Tour of Franklin, Start at Courthouse

Golf Tournament at Rec Center

Mountain String Band at PCHS

at Smith Creek Playhouse

Dancing at Rec Center

Saturday, May 7

Crafts and Food

Tournament at Town Park

Fishing Rodeo

Tour of Franklin, Start at Courthouse

Derby at Town Park

Bread and Bean Dinner at Walnut

M. Church

Blue Awards Ceremony

Blue Grass Boys with "Buggay"

PCHS Auditorium

Smith Creek Playhouse

Dancing at Rec Center

Sunday, May 8

Crafts and Food

Antique Car Show at Senior Center



Sugar Grove

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Judy - German (Tschudi) - 1798 - West Dry Run;
 Kee - Irish - 1800 - Franklin - merchant;
 Keister - German - 1757 - Brandywine;
 Koplinger - German - 1750 - Deer Run;
 Kessner - German (Keissner) - 1790 - Mill Creek;
 Kile - German (Keil) - 1761 - Upper Tract;
 Kimble - Scotch Irish - 1850 - Smoke Hole;
 Kisamore - German (Keishmohr) - 1799 - Union District;
 Kiser - German (Keiser) - 1832 - Sugar Grove;
 Kline - German (Klein) - 1861 - Kline;
 Kuykendall - Dutch - 1858 - Sweedland Valley;
 Lamb - German - 1790 - Sugar Grove;
 Lambert - Scotch Irish - 1788 - West Dry Run;
 Lough - German (Loch) - 1772 - Deer Run;
 Mallow - German - 1753 - Kline;
 Mauzy - French - 1842 - Smith Creek;
 McClung - Scotch Irish - 1850 - Franklin - merchant;
 McClure - Scotch Irish - 1798 - Franklin - tanner;
 McCoy - Scotch Irish - 1795 - Franklin - merchant;
 Mitchell - German (Mischler) - 1790 - Sugar Grove;
 Moats - German - 1771 - Blackthorn;
 Mowrey - German (Maurer) - 1790 - South Fork Mountain;
 Moyers - German (Meyer) - 1789 - South Branch;
 Mullenax - French (Molyneux) - 1785 - Circleville;
 Murphy - Irish - 1835 - Circleville - wheelwright;
 Nelson - Scotch - 1771 - North Fork;
 Neesselrodt - German (Van Neesselrodt) - 1796 - Sweedland Valley;
 Pennington - English - 1795 - North Fork;
 Punsyaker - German - 1830 - Franklin - attorney;
 Phares - Irish - 1781 - Hedrick's Run;
 Pitsenbarger - German (Pitsenbarger) - 1795 - Dahmer, Dry Run;
 Pige - German (Peup) - 1800 - Sweedland Valley;
 Poppel - German (Boppel) - 1758 - Brandywine;
 Puffenbarger - German (Puffenbarger) - 1775 - Mitchell's Mill, Sugar Grove;
 Reaser - Irish - 1795 -

1774 - South Fork;
 Riggelman - German (Riegelman) - 1790 - North Mill Creek;
 Roberson - English - 1798 - Trout Run;
 Ruddle - German (Rueddel) - 1800 - Fort Seybert;
 Ruleman - German (Ruhlmann) - 1756 - Brandywine;
 Schmucker - German - 1841 - Mill Run District;
 Schrader - German - 1850 - Thorn Valley;
 Simmons - German (Sieman) - 1753 - Upper South Fork;
 Sিনnett - Irish - 1782 - South Fork Mountain;
 Skiles - Scotch Irish - 1856 - Byrd's Mill;
 Smith - German (Schmidt) - 1800 - North Fork Mountain;
 Snider - German (Schneider) - 1800 - Stony Run;
 Sponaugle - German (Sponaugen) - 1794 - Hunting Ground;
 Stone - German (Stein) - 1768 - Brandywine;
 Swadley - German - 1756 - South Fork;
 Temple - English - 1820 - Oak Flat;
 Teter - German (Dietrick) - 1762 - Seneca;
 Thompson - English - 1814 - Timber Ridge;
 Trumbo - French (Trombeau) - 1777 - Fort Seybert;
 Vance - Scotch Irish - 1790 - Seneca;
 Vandevander - Dutch - 1790 - Smith Creek;
 Varner - German (Werner) - 1791 - Brushy Run;
 Waggy - German - 1796 - Franklin;
 Wagoner - German (Wachner) - 1761 - Fort Seybert;
 Walker - English - 1790 - Dry Run;
 Warner - English - 1780 - South Branch;
 Waybright - English - 1850 - North Fork;
 Whitecotton - English - 1792 - Circleville;
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 Wimer - German (Weimert) - 1784 - East Dry Run.

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Carolyn and Ed Smith paid a Thursday visit with Doris Rexrode and Jim and Linda Rexrode. Then Sunday, Carolyn visited with her father, Everette Rexrode, at Pendleton Nursing Home, Franklin.

Elwood Byrd and son, Eric of Martinsburg, were Sunday visitors of Reid Homan.

The senior citizens enjoyed a Saturday Jamestown, VA, tour.

Erma Moats and Wanda Pitsenbarger accompanied Bruce Moats and family to California. While there, they all enjoyed the San Francisco sights of Alcatraz, Redwood Forest, Golden Gate Bridge and Monterey Fish Aquarium. About mid-week, Erma wound up in the hospital. After tests and units of blood were given, it was determined that Erma had a bleeding ulcer. Erma returned home later last week and is recuperating at home. She was very pleased with the care and overall attention that the hospital staff gave her.

An April birthday party was celebrated for Hunter Kesterson, Evelyn Varner, Joyce Marshall, Pat Sacra and Adam Spencer at the Marshall home in McGaheysville, VA. Attending the celebration were Joyce, Robin, Hillary and Richard Marshall of McGaheysville, VA, Judy Falls, John Hosey of Harrisonburg, VA, Evelyn Varner, Eugene, Cindy, Raymond and Jessica Varner, Pat

and Junior Sacra of Mt. Sidney, VA, Nancy Smith of McGaheysville, VA, Judy Smith of Bridgewater, VA, Wanda Armentrout of McGaheysville, VA, Madonna and Adam Spencer of McGaheysville, VA, Kenneth and Deloris Marshall of Harrisonburg, VA, Janet, Joey, Brianna and Daniel Judy and Kitty Purcell of Dayton, VA.

Graduation for college has rolled around. To celebrate the day before Mother's Day is quite appropriate. To be a mother, it takes the authority of an Army General, the understanding of Plato, the wisdom of Solomon, the patience of Job, the cunning of a fox, the stamina of a workhorse and the love of a mother's heart. Above all, a sense of humor is necessary. The writer doesn't think one every fully appreciates one's mother until parenthood becomes a reality. To all mothers everywhere, the writer says, "God bless you."

Concerns this week are for the Michael Sites family, Paul O'Gorek, Erma Moats, Norma Puffenbarger, Henry Pitsenbarger, Eleanor Hoover, Geneva Wilfong, Margaret Mitchell and Everette Rexrode; and

Franklin Presbyterian Church - Louise Fornish, Johnny A. Dahmer, Freda Roberson, Mable Roberson, Ella Mullenax, Virgil Puffenberger and Berlie Sponaugle.

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- National Treasure
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- The Suckling
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- The Last Shot
- In Good Company
- Alone in the Dark
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 1753 - Brandywine;
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 (Pfaffenbarger) - 1775 -
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 Raines - Irish - 1795 - Seneca
 - miller;
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On Saturday, April 23, John and Michelle Connor hosted a Seder Meal at their home. Joining them and their girls were Valerie and Shannon Sasso, Nancy, Alex and Martine Parode and Bobbi Nagy. Those gathered followed the Passover prayers in a contemporary Family Hag-gadah before enjoying a delicious meal. On Sunday, April 24, the family's celebration continued as Emma, Joslyn, Myah and Audrey VanSoy received their First Holy Com-munion at 10 a.m. Mass with the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic community.

Virgil and Jeanne Homan spent the weekend with Scott, Jill and Taylor Holmes of Bridgeport. Gloria Dean and Ferrel Greer invited Willadene Simmons to go mushroom hunting with them. They got a few mushrooms, which they enjoyed eating.

WIC Announces May Schedule

During the month of May, Pendleton County WIC Clinic is open on Wednesdays from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Pendleton Community Building in Frank-fo.

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
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- Keplinger - German - 1750 - Deer Run;
- Keussner - German (Keissner) - 1790 - Mill Creek;
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- Kimble - Scotch Irish - 1850 - Snake Hole;
- Kisamore - German (Keichmoehr) - 1799 - Union District;
- Kiser - German (Keiser) - 1832 - Sugar Grove;
- Kline - German (Klein) - 1861 - Kline;
- Kuykendall - Dutch - 1858 - Swedland Valley;
- Leach - German - 1790 - Sugar Grove;
- Lambert - Scotch Irish - 1788 - West Dry Run;
- Lough - German (Loch) - 1772 - Deer Run;
- Mallow - German - 1753 - Kline;

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- 1790 - Sugar Grove;
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1790 - South Fork Mountain;
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1789 - South Branch;
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Walker - English - 1790 - Dry
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Warner - English - 1780 -
South Branch;
Waybright - English - 1850 -
North Fork;
Whitecotton - English - 1792
- Circleville;
Wilfong - German (Wildfang)
- 1766 - Brushy Fork; and
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1784 - East Dry Run.

To the historian and
genealogist, the location list of
people is quite interesting.

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 Pennybaker - German - 1830
 - Franklin - attorney;
 Phares - Irish - 1781 -
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 Pitsenbarger - German
 (Pitzenbarger) - 1795 - Dahmer,
 Dry Run;
 Pope - German (Paup) - 1800
 - Sweedland Valley;
 Propst - German (Bropst) -
 1753 - Brandywine;
 Puffenbarger - German
 (Pffaffenbarger) - 1775 -
 Mitchell's Mill, Sugar Grove;
 Raines - Irish - 1795 - Seneca
 - miller;
 Ratliff - English - 1810 -
 Middle Mountain;
 Rexroad - German (Rixroth) -

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It's time to put up the hummingbird feeders. The hummingbirds have been sighted. A yard full of fifty or so blue jays was seen at the Tom Mitchell home. That was quite a phenomenal sight.

Redbud season is upon the area, and isn't it lovely? When the morning rays move their "spot light" onto the trees, they are majestically spectacular to the sight of the beholder.

On Saturday, April 23, John and Michelle Connor hosted a Seder Meal at their home. Joining them and their girls were Valerie and Shannon Sasso, Nancy, Alex and Martine Parode and Bobbi Nagy. Those gathered followed the Passover prayers in a contemporary Family Haggadah before enjoying a delicious meal. On Sunday, April 24, the family's celebration continued as Emma, Joslyn, Myah and Audrey VanScoy received their First Holy Communion at 10 a.m. Mass with the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic community.

Virgil and Jeanne Homan spent the weekend with Scott, Jill and Taylor Holmes of Bridgeport.

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I recently visited the industrial wind turbines in Tucker County. I spent about an hour driving around to see them from different viewpoints—looking up at a row of them perched on a ridge, standing at the base of one towering above me, and going down a ridge line at a column of them marching away from me into the far horizon. Once, driving over a little rise in the road, I found myself face to face with the top of one, up close and personal, peering at me as if it were a living creature. They are so-soberly astonishing. Most amazing to me was the size of the blades. High. I felt as if I were on a movie set for a space invasion film.

Whether you like them or not, one thing is for sure: they dominate the landscape. If they come to Pendleton County, they will affect everybody. For this reason, I encourage everyone to go and see them for yourself.

In the meantime, some thoughts:

There is a cluster of nine turbines recently removed from the site. I studied them, I observed to see how they were built, present all of Pendleton County. I would have noticed I would not get worried about them if we were getting just that many and they were generating our county. You see I would. They would make Franklin. They I thought, if they are going to come to our county they had to come to this. How good is it if we? After all, we will allow everything a good deal to have them here—possibly to allow using telephone lines, and power lines, just as we

pull in here?

Come to think of it, if those same folks are planning to get rich on the winds that blow over our ridge tops, shouldn't we insist that they support our property tax base to a fair degree? That way, kids who don't like Pendleton County's visual makeover can at least count on a well-funded education to prepare them for successful lives elsewhere.

Then there's the issue of what to do with the towers when they no longer give us power. It's pretty basic to expect people to clean up when they make messes in public areas. But just to be safe, shouldn't we get this in writing ahead of time?

What about requiring the company to guarantee preferential hiring for locals, with job train-

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Each year since 1952, Congress has designated a National Day of Prayer. In '88 it was established to be the first Thursday in May. Led by the County Historical Association, the community will gather to meet at the court house to pray. The Navy Base Chorus Chorus will be there. Also, a chorus from the high school will sing and all shall sing a patriotic song.

If you cannot be there, please send donations or please come along together to pray.

"Hallelujah to the Father, whose God is the Lord." Psalm 113:2

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ing provided?

Industrial wind turbines are business. To be smart about business, you figure out what you are getting for what it is costing you. Shouldn't we be calculating a decent deal, not just for individuals, but for the whole county? Right now, the company is using an old strategy on us: Divide and Conquer. The answer to that: Get together, determine a decent making price, and then see if the company wants to do business at a rate that's fair for everybody. Maybe everything has a price, nothing says it has to be cheap.

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There is a cluster of nine turbines easily viewed from Rt. 219. As I studied them, it occurred to me that these nine could power all of Pendleton County. I wondered whether I would feel differently about them if we were getting just that many, and they were powering our county. You bet I would. They would seem friendly. Then I thought, if they are going to come to our county, why don't we insist on this—free power for all of us? After all, we will all be sacrificing a great deal to have them here—peaceful relations among neighbors, beautiful natural views, quiet so we can hear the peepers and birdsongs. Keep in mind, that's only part of the price. We're all paying twice—we are also funding the company's financial windfall with our taxes. If we're all making these sacrifices, shouldn't we all get something in return?

I started thinking about the lumpy damaged roads I've driven on in coal country. Folks in Pittsburgh and New York are

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If one cannot be there, pause over lunchtime or gather some others together to pray.

"Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord." Psalm 33:12

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Cardiopulmonary education classes are held every Wednesday from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at Grant Memorial Hospital.

Topics available include signs and symptoms of a heart attack, the ABCs of heart health, risk factors of heart disease, angina pectoris, guide to controlling one's cholesterol, blood pressure, recipe modification, eating out, COPD, living with pulmonary

Glance Back



Classmates at the Friends Run Schoolhouse during the year of 1915 (approximate date) were, from left, row one, Harry Lambert, unknown, Luther Eye, Arthur Lambert, Fred Hinkle and

Kennie Eye; row two, Casper Mauzy, Olin Eye, Odwith Lambert, Luther Hedrick (teacher), Bob Mauzy, Shirley Eye and Jason Eye.

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Letters to the Editor

Residents Urged To Oppose Wind Turbines

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backyard and see how he would like it.

I asked him and the primary property owner to attend the next scheduled meeting on May 22nd at the community building in Franklin so they could find out first-hand how the residents of Pendleton County feel about the project.

He immediately declined saying they would not come and face the local residents.

I urged him to come up Thorn Creek as far as the Virginia line, and visit the residents along Rt. 220 also. I told him "then you'll find out what people really think."

The conversation lasted about 45 minutes during which time I noticed and questioned many inconsistencies in his statements.

I brought up the issue of decreased property values, up to 50% or more, in areas where similar wind turbine projects

were installed.

He would not respond, nor did he respond to other issues I presented.

I know that I am not the only landowner that's been contacted directly or indirectly by Liberty Gap. Their indirect approach may be using your neighbor to sell you on this project.

They are trying to establish a network among Pendleton County residents; seeking to persuade one's neighbors to provide access or right-of-ways to Liberty Gap for the wind turbines. This practice is pitting neighbor against neighbor.

I am writing this letter for the benefit of all Pendleton County residents. This is not about just a few people, but the entire county. Everyone will be affected. We will all pay the price in the

long run including increased costs for road maintenance due to heavy truck traffic, higher electric bills if Allegheny Power has to upgrade power lines to handle an increased power load, loss of tourism, decreased property values, environmental impacts, and others. These effects will be long term and irreversible.

Once started, this type of project will spread like wildfire. Everywhere the wind blows and the opportunity exists to make a buck, a wind turbine will be installed.

Do you want to exchange your peace and serenity for mountaintops lined with noisy 400' monstrosities? We must all get involved now, before it's too late.

D. G. Rexrod

Smith's Wilderness Views Are Challenged by LaBare

piece that reported various topics of discussion at the most recent Economic Development Authority meeting held on 26 April. Toward the end of the piece, I noticed your relating a presentation by Tony Smith on his claims of economic benefits of wilderness in an effort to influence the EDA's position on the current revision of the Monongahela National Forest's Land and Resource Plan. There are several problems with the information Dr. Smith presented of which readers should be aware as they consider the issue themselves.

The article indicates that literature from which Dr. Smith quoted was purported to be "a variety of scientific papers." In reviewing those papers, I found that several of them are nothing more than the propaganda sheets written by employees of the Wilderness Society. It would take more space than the *Times* could here afford me to dissect each of the papers Dr. Smith quoted, but readers who would like that level of detail should contact Shelley Kile at the EDA, 358-2074, and ask her for a copy of a white paper I prepared for the EDA in response to Dr. Smith's presentation. Each paper and its "conclusions" are exposed. But for the curious here, I offer the most damning of all

limits access to the public to those who can only walk or ride horses, decreases biodiversity in the forest by letting it age and rot, and in so doing, decreases the quality of wildlife habitat, then someone needs to explain this to me. Since 59% of all wilderness visits are to view scenery and wildlife, wilderness detracts from these most popular activities. For all these reasons, WVDNR has opposed any additional designation of the forest as wilderness. A copy of DNR's letter to the Mon Forest stating and detailing that position is an attachment to the paper I prepared for the EDA—ask for it. Facts are, very few people care about wilderness, as the numbers clearly indicate except, of course, for the tiny band of extremists and their hired guns at the West Virginia Wilderness Coalition who are bankrolled and controlled by out-of-state radical environmentalists. Plain and simple, it's bad public land use policy. If a private landowner wants certain restrictions on his property, so be it, but on public land, wilderness is discrimination, and that's wrong.

When viewed in the light of economic, social, and ecological reality, wilderness is a loser all around. The EDA should treat it accordingly—and right-thinking West Virginians should deliver

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Jerry Rexrode, Robin
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s 126 registered speakers,
day evening's hearing be-
6:30 p.m. and went on un-
9 a.m.
meeting ended with the

supervisors tabling the decision
until their next meeting.

Of those 126 speakers, only 23
were in favor of the issuance of
the land use permit.

Seven speakers were unde-
cided; the rest, including several
from Pendleton County, were op-
posed.

HNWD is a limited liability
corporation owned by H. T. "Mac"
McBride, a retired poultry
farmer, his wife, Lola, and their
son, Tal.

The McBrides are residents of
Harrisonburg, VA.

If approved, the project will
consist of a substation and 19
400-foot-tall wind turbines.
They would be situated on about
200 of the 4,000 acres the
McBrides own on Tamarack and
Red Oak Knob.

Those 19 turbines, said
HNWD attorney John W. Flora,
"will produce 39 megawatts of
renewable electricity."

"Renewable power from wind
is creating a great opportunity
Highland County and all of Vir-
ginia," Flora said. "The board's
action is the first step to improv-
ing air quality in our communi-
ties and providing for a strong
economic future for Highland

County.

Highland County could re-
ceive up to \$250,000 annually
tax benefits, as well as per-
fees, construction jobs, increas-
local economic and tourism
pansion, Flora added.

"Electricity demand is ex-
pected to continue to grow,"
Flora emphatically stated, "and
there are already folks lining
to buy home-grown Virginia
wind power," Flora said. "The
project will begin to harness
nature's resources without in-
fuel cost and environmental
risks of other types of gener-
ation."

According to the chair of the
board of supervisors, Jerry
Rexrode, McBride's application
proposes to use existing access
roads, putting the transmission
lines at the turbines underground,
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ficial lights or advertising other
than warning signs, screening
the substation with vegetation,
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West Virginia's Forests Have Contributed More Than Their Share over the Last Two Centuries

Sugar Grove

In the mid-1700s when the first settlers arrived in the wilderness of present day West Virginia, most of the region was covered by magnificent forests. While the red spruce dominated the highest elevations, the majority of the forest stands were of broad-leaved trees, the hardwoods. Some rich mountain forests included as many as 40 different tree species. The wood of each species had its own characteristics, and uses.

•Red Spruce - Between 1890 and 1920 nearly every household in the United States bought a piano. The sounding board was invariably made from spruce due to its superior resonance. West Virginia spruce proved so superior for pianos that freight cars were marked "West Virginia Spruce" and each board had this label stamped on it.

•White Oak - the only oak that met the needs for tight cooperage, barrels that would hold liquid.

•Red Elm - Before the age of metal hoops to hold barrels together, hoops were made from wood. This was the preferred species, since it wouldn't split because of its interlocking grain.

•Black Walnut - This was particularly desirable for gun stalks, as it could be shaped easily. It has attractive grain, shrinks modestly, has good gripping quality and is shock resistant. Prize West Virginia logs are sent throughout the world for a variety of products.

•Butternut - Used for toys, furniture and novelties. The smooth feel after sanding makes it ideal wood for toilet seats.

knitting mills, pulley parts and heads of mallets and golf clubs.

•Sassafras - High price paneling.

•Hemlock - Barn siding, beams and siding in warehouses and granaries.

•Rhododendron - Carved into pipes.

West Virginia's forests have contributed more than their share of wooden products over the last two centuries. One's ancestors relied heavily on these wooden products for their daily needs and knew well their special needs and uses.

The Tom Mitchell family have returned from an Outer Banks vacation with Helon Pitsenbarger of Hyattsville, MD, Margene Moore of Knoxville, TN, Marie Bowling of Onancock, VA, Bill and Jackie Trisler of Fairfield Glade, TN, Anna Gae Hughes of Gainesville, VA, and Peggy and Allen Wade of Dallas, TX. Anna Gae and Helon spent several days in the Tom Mitchell family home, following the vacation.

Well, the longest day of the year has come and gone. Gardens are looking good, although the intense heat is requiring much needed moisture, soon.

The South Fork Volunteer Fire Department ushered a sizeable crowd for the Saturday evening parade. The food lines remained full as folk conversed with each other, while the Shenandoah Blue Grass Boys entertained.

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Weekend visitors of Evelyn Varner were Calvin Smith of McGaheysville, VA, Donnie Smith of Bridgewater, VA, Joyce, Richard and Hillary Marshall

Graduating Friday from WyoTech, Blairsville, PA, were Josh Price, Justin Johnson, John Swecker and Joshua Simmons. The four Js graduated from Pendleton County High School and South Branch Vo-Tech in Petersburg in 2004. Attending the Friday graduation ceremony from this neighborhood were Wayne and Paula Price, Rachel, Tim and Addison Rexrode, Scott and Rebecca Lipscomb of Keezletown, VA, and Lindsey Smith of Riverton. Congratulations, boys!

Visiting with Everette Rexrode at Pendleton Nursing Home, Franklin, were Ed and Carolyn Smith of Staunton, VA, and Jim, Linda and Doris Rexrode.

The Tom Mitchell family met the Tim Hoover family of Bridgewater, VA, at Cass Scenic Railroad. The party enjoyed the train ride to Whittaker Station. On their return trip home, they visited with Jack and Shirley Wilkins at their Hillsboro farm.

Recent visitors of the Dolan Grogg family were Dave Kuykendall and Shannon and Joey Bolton.

The Homan girls were home! Jill and Taylor Speck of Bridgeport and Julie Homan of Charlottesville, VA, spent the weekend with Virgil and Jeanne Homan.

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•Butternut - Used for toys, furniture and novelties. The smooth feel after sanding makes it ideal wood for toilet seats.

•Basswood - A preferred wood for piano keys.

•Black Locust - Cut for insulator pins for telephone, electric and telegraph poles. Since locust resists decay, it is often used for sills and railroad ties. It is a preferred wood for wagon axle hubs and other wagon parts, and highly prized for masts for sailing vessels.

•Holly - Suitable for inlay work. It is also used for handles and for turned bowls.

•Persimmon - Has been called "West Virginia ebony" and is the preferred wood for wooden golf club heads.

•Yellow Birch - Provides wood for gymnasium floors, kitchen cabinets, bowling alleys, as well as spools, toothpicks, shuttles, toys and novelties.

•Northern White Cedar - Is in constant demand for boat decking.

•Chestnut - A favorite wood for house siding and barns, as well as paneling.

•Eastern Red Cedar - Most pencils were made from this wood.

•Sycamore - A preferred wood for broadboards and butcher blocks.

•Hickory and Ash - Tool handles. Ash is preferred for baseball bats, tennis rackets, and other athletic equipment, and for wooden parts of farm machinery.

•Buckeye - One of the woods used for artificial limbs, trunks and valises.

•Sugar Maple - Pool cues, equipment, mallets, and balls.

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Concerns this week are for Conway and Arlene May, Iva Eye, Iva Harper, Brenda Simmons, Margaret Mitchell, Colleen Swearingen, Shirley Bailey, Janelle Mitchell, Clint Rexrode, Missouri Rexrode and Hilda Gordon; and

Franklin Presbyterian Church - Louise Fornish, Mable Roberson, Freda Roberson, Joan Bodkin, Arnold Lambert and Ann Derby.

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an essential element in the attainment of the United States Department of Energy's Wind Energy Initiative Objectives of supplying five percent of the nations electricity needs by the year 2020 is strongly debatable. Based on the Energy Information Administration's Annual "Energy Outlook 2000" estimate that total electricity generation in the United States in the year 2020 will total 4,782 billion kWh, the Department of Energy's goal would mean that 239.1 billion kWh of electricity would have to be produced from wind turbines in the year 2020. Therefore, 60,153 of the 1,650 kW size wind turbines as proposed for the Jack Mountain project operating at an average annual capacity factor of 27.5 percent would be required to produce five percent of the nation's expected electricity production in 2020.

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and future need for the proposed use in Highland County and the area. This gets to the economic development benefit, as well as the county's stated goals that I reviewed, including those related to economic development, tourism and preservation of local resources, and promotion of clean industries." Completing her presentation, she turned the applicant's presentation over to Mr. John Flora whose presentation was an attempt to mitigate, in the minds of the Supervisors as well as the hearing attendees, many of the world wide documented negative consequences that have been caused by such industrial developments which are now surfacing and being disclosed from numerous sources around the world. Subsequent speakers throughout the remainder of the evening addressed many of those issues and a full transcript of all of the speakers comments were published in The Recorder June 3, 2005 issue. Every Pendleton County resident and property owner should read that entire transcript.

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The Recorder correctly pointed out in its article covering the hearing, 20 years times \$175,000 to \$250,000 per year equals \$3,500,000 to \$5,000,000 rather than the grossly misstated \$35 to \$50 million. However, the approximately 500 attendees went home with that grossly misstated economic benefit of this proposed project to Highland County in their minds.

Mr. Flora did correctly point out that current Commonwealth of Virginia property tax computations produce a declining revenue stream for the county and that he had proposed legislation to establish a 20-year tax with some type of cost of living adjustment, but had not succeeded.

That raises a very significant question.

What in reality is the revenue stream for the county if the current method for calculating the tax is not changed or even worse changed to a method comparable to that legislated in West Virginia that is extremely beneficial to the project operator paying the tax, certainly not the county. Using a straight-line depreciation of the fair market value of the wind turbines on which the \$175,000 to \$250,000 annual

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West Virginia provides that the tax for this type of property be calculated using five percent of the assessed value of the property times the current property tax rate. In Pendleton County, this same project would produce payments over the 20-year period of \$102,464 to \$146,377 or an average of \$5,123 to \$7,319 per year. The proposed Jack Mountain project would produce payments to Pendleton County of \$401,310 to \$511,975 or an average of \$20,065 to \$25,599 per year.

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and Wildlife." In my discussions with the assistant director of the Virginia State Corporation Commission, I have learned that the Commission does not currently have any requirements for applications for siting wind turbines in Virginia. The U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service does have "Interim Guidelines to Avoid and Minimize Wildlife Impacts from Wind Turbines", which is a 55-page comprehensive document. Some of the studies require three years for completion and reporting the conclusions based on the study findings.

The results of the Bats and Wind Energy Cooperative's 2004 Field Season for the Mountaineer and Meyersdale Wind Energy Centers located along the Appalachian plateau in West Virginia and Pennsylvania respectively have been recently released. The Mountaineer site has 44 and the Meyersdale site 20 of the NEG Micron 1.5 MW

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Mr. Flora also stated in his presentation that "You will hear that they are noisy. They are not. The turbines are as loud as a refrigerator when you are standing 1,000 feet away, and there are no houses within 1,000 feet of this project." The Public Service Commission of West Virginia has approved rules applicable to Siting Certificate applications, which include required studies and reports concerning projected noise levels before the proposed project is started, during the construction phase of the proposed project and during the operational phase of the proposed project. Since those rules were approved on May 25, 2005, three separate developers have filed petitions arguing that the noise provisions of the rules are flawed or unworkable and requesting additional hearings concerning the noise provisions. Some of the letters

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West Virginia". If the statement concerning noise is correct, why are the developers in West Virginia concerned with the West Virginia Public Service Commission rules relating to noise?

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turbines. The total numbers of bats estimated to have been killed during the six-week period of the study were 1,364 - 1,980 at the Mountaineer site and 400 - 920 at the Meyersdale site. Merlin Tuttle, director of Bat Conservation International in Austin, Texas was quoted in The Charleston Gazette as saying "If the 900 or so turbines proposed are built in a 70-mile radius [of Mountaineer] prior to finding solutions, it's very easy to extrapolate from this data to close to 60,000 bats killed a year. That's very likely not an ecologically sustainable kill rate. It's urgent to find a solution." What would be the affect of such a large kill rate of bats have in Pendleton County?

The haunting message for me after spending countless hours of research from world wide sources since the announcement in "The Pendleton Times" that the first proposed wind turbine project application had

been filed with the West Virginia Public Service Commission is that here is another derelict technology being foisted on the public as a ploy to provide jobs, local state economic benefits and increased tax revenues. Correct questions have not been asked, or never answered when they were asked, thus creating false and bottomless assumptions that these industrial plants are a benefit to Pendleton County. "The Pendleton Times" last week quoted a respected West Virginian stating, "If something is good for Pendleton County, it isn't good for West Virginia. I believe that someone needs to show why this would be good for Pendleton County as well as for West Virginia. Our precious assets are in jeopardy."

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New Civil War Markers Being Erected Countywide



CIVIL WAR SIGNS, like the one pictured above which notes the site of the Murder of Ambrose Meadows, are being erected throughout the county by Sons of the Confederate Veterans. Installing this sign on Rt. 101 west of Franklin were, from left, Wayne Huffman, Richard Ruddle and Frenchie Moates.

tured above thanks to the Pendleton County Chamber of Commerce. Brigadier General James Boggs, Camp #1706, Sons of the Confederate Veterans have completed the installation of some Civil War signs that are part of the future Driving Tour of Pendleton County. Other signs will be forthcoming soon.

This is just in time for the Confederate Reunion to be held on Sunday, July 31, at 4:00 at Richard Ruddle's farm near Ruddle.

ing the events of the Civil War with in Pendleton County. Gen. A. P. Hill will be the guest speaker. There will be music, displays and a costume contest.

The beautiful brochure, "War Between the States in Pendleton County" financed by the WV Humanities Council and printed by "The Pendleton Times," which highlights several interesting sites of Civil War battles, will also be available at the reunion. If one is a re-enactor or would

Hospital Report

The following local persons were admitted and/or released last week from Grant Memorial Hospital in Petersburg:

Admissions—Grace Mowery, Upper Tract.

Discharges—Margaret Vance, Seneca Rocks; and Grace Mowery, Upper Tract.

Friends Run/ Smith Creek

What a relief the area had when Tropical Storm Cindy came through. Most of the area received 2.5 inches, and it was a soft rain. Now Hurricane Dennis is coming with more rain.

Prayer concerns at the Smith Creek and Friends Run Churches of the Brethren were for the following: Rose Mary Turney, Wanda Gahr, Betty Keplinger, Carolyn Sponaule, Charles Hartman, Donald Moyers, Anna Simmons, Carl Shirk, Tommy Williamson, Carolyn Bennett, Glen Hofecker, Carolyn Thomas, Brenda Simmons, Joan Bodkin, John Heavner, Mable Cayton, Erma Waggy, Arvella Skelton, Virginia Bowers, Stanley Hedrick, Carol Pennington, Morris Campbell, Richard Lambert, Farrell Hevener, Gladys Wolf, Patty Holloway, Nolan Lantz and Nathan Bowers.

Prayer thought: "The word of God provides the light we need to see the way, so if we learn what God has said, we'll not be led astray."

High and low temperatures and precipitation for July 4 through July 10, followed by the same for last year, were

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PT5297594 - Sugar Grove - 4 BR, 1 Bath, modified A-Frame, stream, near National Forest and public Lake. Park like setting 2 acres.

HD5297256 - Between Petersburg and Moorefield. 9 acres unrestricted w/view, spring fed ponds.

PT5269959 New listing - 6.74 mostly wooded acres on Big Stoney Run Road in Sugar Grove. Partially remodeled, 2BR, 1BA mobile home w/new well. Beautiful building sites, 1/2 mile from entrance to National Forest. \$70,000. Call Tracy.

PT5245289 - This rugged 189 acre mountain farm is complemented with a rustic old house and outbuildings sitting atop a stream bank. Located in Pendleton County off 33 N. Perfect building sites overlooking Judy Gap and view of Spruce Knob. Mostly wooded with 30 acres ± of open field on top of ridge. \$450,000.

OTR5241772 - in Pocahontas County. Originally built for aquaculture, this 2800 sq. ft. structure could be used for home, water bottling, retreat, etc. Situated on 10.19 acres that borders Watoga State Park, and Cal Price State Forest. Sits atop a large volume artesian aquifer (1500 gpm). Also 3 large buildings and several spring fed ponds. \$399,000.

PT5069723 - 110.89 acres off Sweedlin Valley Road w/beautiful 10+ acre lake, mostly wooded, borders George Washington National Forest. Great for hunting.

HD5053688 - 65.02 ± acres in Hardy County, wooded, open, small stream. High Knob \$227,500.

Highland County Supervisors Approve Wind Power Project

"I can't see where this is not going to benefit the county." With those words Jerry Rexrode, chairman of the Highland County Board of Supervisors, a conditional permit was granted to Highland New Wind Development LLC for construction of perhaps as many as 400-foot-high wind turbines not far from the state line separating Highland County and Pocahontas County in West Virginia.

The board of supervisors met Thursday evening in the packed courtroom of the courthouse in Monterey, VA, for the much-anticipated vote, which was 2-1 in favor of issuing the conditional use permit sought by Jerry T. "Mac" McBride, a retired poultry businessman who makes his home in Harrisonburg, VA.

In addition to Rexrode, the de-



County residents hung on every word as three years of debate culminated in Thursday evening's vote.

deciding vote was cast by supervisor Lee Blagg. The supervisor casting the dissenting vote was Robin Sullenberger.

The Associated Press (AP) reported that the supervisors have received notice that project opponents will bring suit against the county and Highland New Wind Development in federal court under the Endangered Species Act.

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the attorney for Highland New Wind Development, pending litigation will prevent him from promptly applying for a permit for the project with the State Corporation Commission.

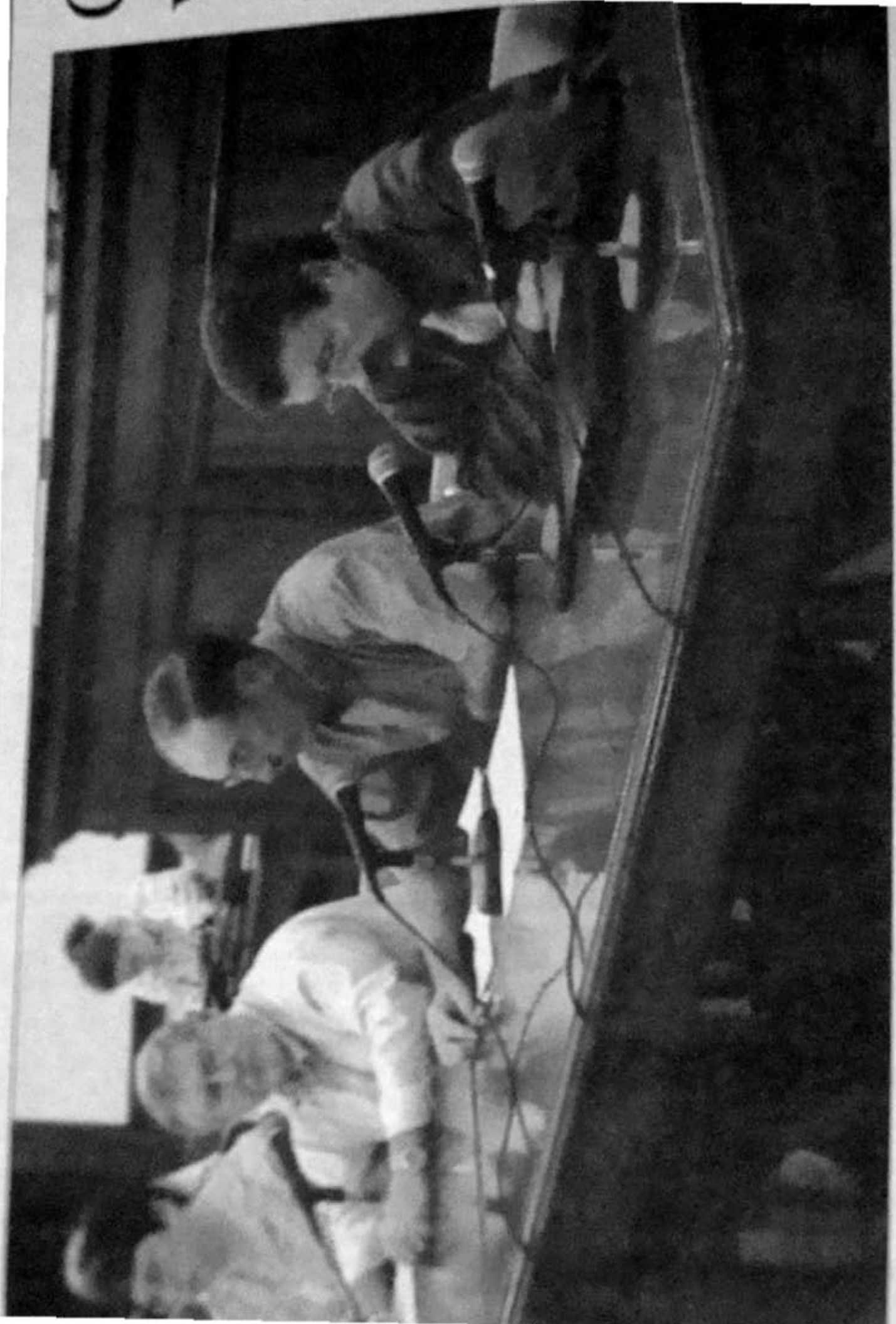
According to AP reports, the state environmental agencies will be reviewing the project. Supervisor Lee Blagg

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squirrels, two species of bats and other mammals are in the midst of the proposed

The construction of wind turbines will be an illegal activity, the environmental

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three years, Highland County officials extensively researched wind power. The are, from left, admistra
rta Lambert and supervisors Jerry Rexrode, Lee Blagg, and Robin Sullenberger .

FHS Class of 1955 Holds Reunion



Franklin High School Class of 1955. Front Row: Loretta Sponaugle Homan, Bernadine Kiser Raney, Mary Evelyn Neville, Phyllis Burgone Rhodes, Orva Hammer Sponaugle, Ann Nesselrodt Elliott, Doris Armstrong Douglas, Patty Judy Sponaugle. Second Row: Norman Wilfong, Bruce Hoover, Paul Harper, Charles Pennybaker, Ruby Bower Skites, Linda Kimble Moyers, Walter Pitsenbarger, Patty Armstrong Jensen, Carroll Mitchell. Third Row: Curtis Mitchell, Leland Propst, Arlin Jamison, Charles Lambert, Green Hedrick, Jim Skidmore, Norlyn Bodkin, Jim Smith. Back Row: Newton Ruddle, James Propst, Elmer Dahmer, Nolan Wimer and John Holman.

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Resident Questions Wind Power's Effect on County's Future

Editor, the Times:

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

Over the 4th of July weekend, I drove up to Davis to look at the windmill installation there. I was curious to see if they truly are as ugly as I've been told. The good news is they didn't look as bad as I expected. The bad news is they were noisier than what others have described. Maybe I was in just the right spot or maybe it was the wind direction or magnitude but the constant "thump, thump, thump" as each rotor passed the tower was clearly audible. It wouldn't have taken long for the noise to be downright irritating.

When I first heard about windmills possibly coming to Pendleton County, I knew little about them. Like most folks I thought they were a good source of "free," clean energy and if the county derived a healthy income stream from them, so much the better. After arguing with a friend about his opposition to them I did what our elected officials should have done before backing these projects with millions of tax dollars; I did my own

research. What I found changed my mind.

Wind energy isn't free, it isn't even cheap. As a matter-of-fact, it's the most expensive means we currently have of generating electricity. In addition, wind generated electricity on an industrial scale isn't particularly clean. The electric grid we have in this country is a simple in and out system.

Electricity is pumped in by generating facilities and taken out by consumers. Electricity is not stored and that is where the problems arise with wind energy. With our current system additional generating capacity is brought on line as demand rises. One of the methods described to me by a local power company representative is the use of jet engines hooked up to generators that are fired up as needed. In order to avoid brown-outs, sufficient generating capacity must be continuously maintained to meet current demand.

Since wind generators operate within a relatively narrow band of wind speeds, their output is as "variable as the wind." When a bank of wind generators goes

off line due to a change in wind speed above or below a critical threshold, additional generators must be immediately ramped up to meet the existing demand.

The critical word here is "ramped" up, not started up. Those other generators must be running continuously at idle to be able to cover the variable output of the wind generators. The result is a probable increased use of fossil fuels, not the decrease promoters talk about.

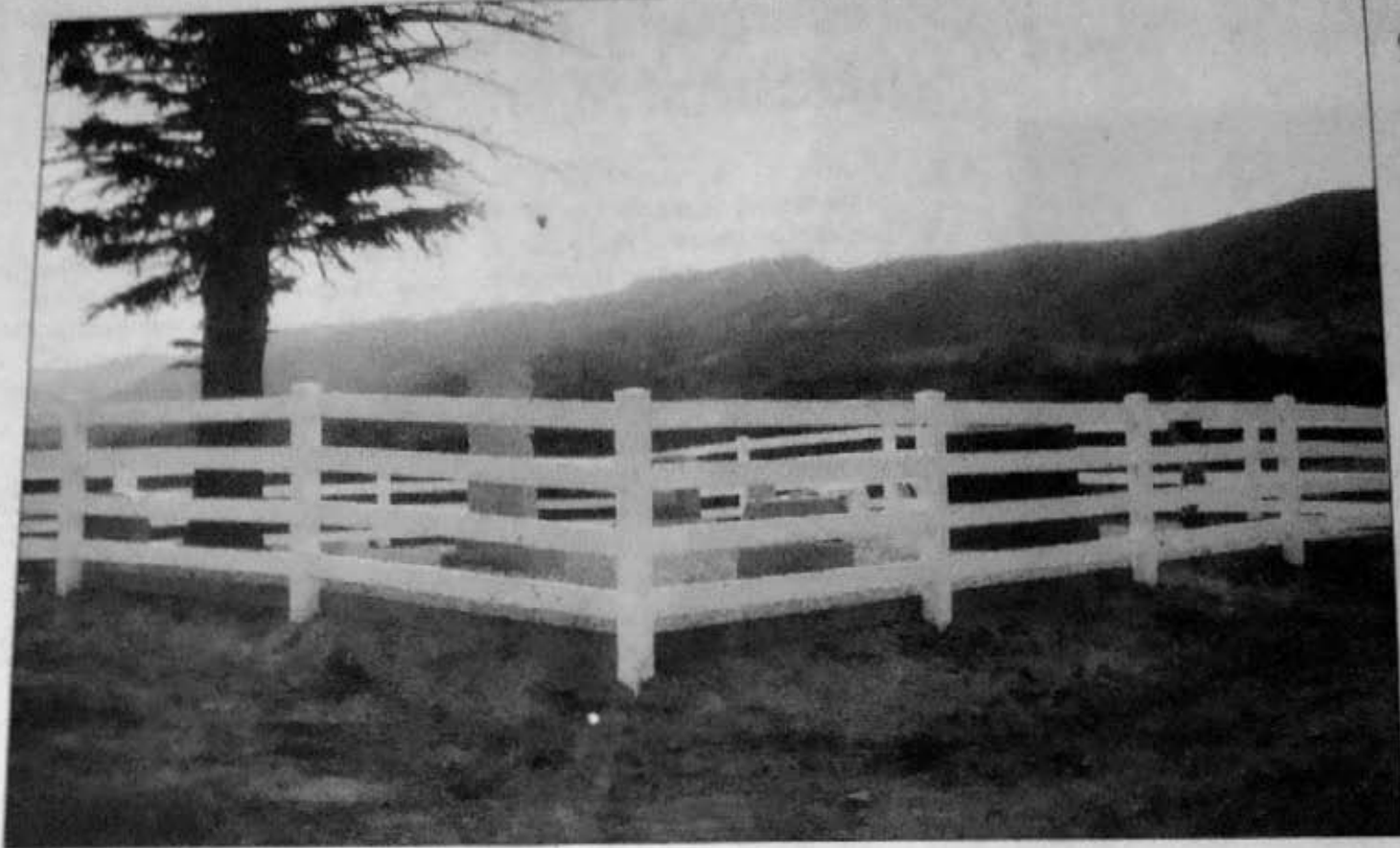
The pie-in-the-sky projections for the income stream to be derived from wind generating facilities simply has not panned out in other areas. If what I have read recently is correct, the amount of money Pendleton County stands to collect is not worth defiling our pristine landscape over for generations to come. Don't get me wrong, there is money to be made in these schemes, but not by you and me, the taxpayers. Wind generating facilities carry massive tax benefits that enrich wealthy individuals and huge corporations. The simple fact is wind generators are not an economically viable business proposition; they exist only due to the tax benefits

that you and I pay. Wind generators may make dollars for some, but they make no sense for us.

I believe with all my heart that we need to concentrate our efforts on our tourism industry and that country music holds the key to our future. Pendleton County needs to become a place for country music artists and their fans to recreate.

We live in a county that is breathtakingly beautiful. We have clean air, clean water and a healthy environment. We are in a location that is remote yet central to the population centers of the east. A country music center would allow us to maintain the things we hold dear while providing plentiful jobs.

Yes, it would change the county, but change is already underway in Pendleton County. In a letter-to-the-editor in September of last year, I asked if the future of Pendleton County would be decided by its residents or by wealthy developers from outside. The proposed industrial wind park is exactly the sort of thing I had in mind. We have all the fixins' for a bright, prosperous future; it's time we start cookin.'



Newly Renovated Harman-Ritchie Cemetery

Local Historical Society Urges Families to Renovate Cemeteries

The Harman-Ritchie Cemetery, situated on a hilltop in the beautiful Harman Hills, was recently renovated with a new fence. The cemetery should not need care for many years.

As with many private cemeteries in Pendleton County, this burial ground was sadly in need of care and through contributions from family members, it is now in excellent condition. Those contributing included the John Harman family, George Trumbo family, Mrs. Chester Harman, Dyer Anderson, Ruth Harman Thomson and Worth Harman.

Memorial Day or Decoration Day, as it was formerly known, is not just a holiday for fun things, but rather a time to visit the graves of one's ancestors, taking the next generation of one's family along, as to pass on the legacy of one's ancestry. If an effort is not made to share the heritage with the next generation, it will some day be lost and they will be the poorer for it.

In many old cemeteries, the elements have taken a toll on the stones, eroding many so badly that the inscriptions are impossible to decipher. This can

be corrected, and should be, as tombstones are often the only record of ancestors.

Pendleton County Historical Society has been diligent in visiting all county cemeteries and publishing three grave registers, in 1977, 1980 and 2004.

Pendleton County is way out in front of many counties and states, which have nothing comparable, but there is great need for many cemeteries to be renovated.

Pendleton County Historical Society is encouraging families to do this before Memorial Day 2006.

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New School Year Begins August 26

On Friday, Aug. 26—just eight days from the publication date of this week's newspaper—school buses will again be rolling on local roadways as county students return to classes for the first day of the 2005-06 academic year.

School superintendent Doug Lambert said that starting classes on a Friday will enable teachers, staff and students to get typical first-day organizational tasks out of the way so that everyone "can hit the ground running on Monday."

Lambert also said that preliminary surveys show that county school attendance may drop below 1,200 students this year. There were 1,202 students in county schools last year when the 2004-05 academic year began.

Lambert pointed out that three professional staff development days have been built into this year's school calendar as a result of Senate Bill (SB) 84.

In an Aug. 10 letter to school system staff, Lambert observed that the 2005-06 term begins just as the county's new five-year strategic plan is being implemented.

The plan is required by the state Department of Education as part of West Virginia's programmatic efforts to meet federal education standards and mandates put forth in No Child Left Behind (NCLB) legislation.

In his letter, Lambert said, "I honestly cannot find fault in the intent of the [NCLB] law, but the punitive measure that takes place when the standards are not met disturb me. However, it's the law and the measure by which we all will be held accountable, so we must roll up our sleeves and get busy."

Educators everywhere must address the fact that the NCLB law compels higher measurable-through-testing performance standards by all students, the gifted and so-called "average" students, as well as students with special needs.

The day is gone, Lambert observed, when those with learning difficulties can have the academic progress judged "satisfactory" when it falls below certain objective, measurable standards.

Another major challenge posed by No Child Left Behind is the law's growing emphasis on evaluating student performance.



The Monongahela National Forest is rich with beautiful mountains and thriving vegetation.

Wilderness Group Opposes Mon Forest Plan Public Comment Period Began Friday

Although four new wilderness areas comprising 27,700 acres in Pendleton, Randolph, Pocahontas and Tucker counties have been recommended by US Forest Service planners, the recently released draft management proposal for the Monongahela National Forest has drawn fire from the West Virginia Wilderness Coalition.

The Wilderness Coalition is a conservation group which includes the Highlands Conservancy in this state and the state chapter of the Sierra Club.

A Wilderness Coalition presentation at a meeting of the Pendleton County Economic and Community Development Authority (EDA) this past winter sparked a heated debate here over the presumed benefits of wilderness areas in regions with large tracts of federally owned and managed forest lands.

At that meeting, David Ede, an Elkins-based US Forest Service official, said that planners favor multiple-use policies for federal forest lands.

The Mon National Forest is called a "land of many uses," with those uses ranging from the preservation of unique eco-systems, such as Cranberry Glades, to the harvesting of timber and the protection of diverse recreational opportunities—hunting and fishing, as well as hiking and biking.

A representative of the Wilderness Coalition said at that meeting that portions of the forest in which logging is allowed represent a primarily single-use forest management practice, a viewpoint more than one EDA member regarded as questionable.

This past year, the Forest Service publicly disclosed four different management plans. Discussion of those plans was the reason for the Forest Service and Wilderness Coalition presentations at the EDA meeting.

Revisions to the forest management plan have been in progress since 2002.

Ede explained to this newspaper that federal regulations un-

der the proposed plan, the annual allowable sale quantity (ASQ) of harvested timber is roughly 63 million board feet.

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Hardy Co. Heritage Weekend

During the Civil War, McNeill's Rangers, the storied cavalry unit patrolling the Confederacy's western front, sometimes used the Mill Island mansion as a hospital for the wounded.

When fighting lulled, the elite of the South Branch Valley gathered at Mill Island for dancing, dining and drinking to give solace to "war nerves," as one observer put it.

In this history-rich setting, Heritage Weekend Sept. 23-25 will feature a Civil War encampment, living-history demonstrations and tours of the Mill Island mansion, where, with additional historic significance, Heritage Weekend began in 1952.

It will be the first time the encampment, a traditional Heritage Weekend event, will be held at Mill Island, and fittingly it is being organized and staged by the Sons of Confederate Veterans Camp 582, McNeill's Rangers.

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With both Mill Island and Oakland Hall open, visitors will have an opportunity to see two of the architectural gems of the South Fork and South Branch valleys. Oakland Hall and Mill Island were built around the same time and were modeled after Willow Wall, which was built between 1805 and 1811 and set the standard for grandeur and social prominence of the plantation-style mansions to come in later years. (Willow Wall will not be open for touring this year.)

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There also will be demonstrations of blacksmithing by Woodrow "Jay" Simmons, who is commander of Camp 582. The 1853 Restaurant of Moorefield plans to offer a special food menu from a food tent on the property.

Staley said holding the encampment at Mill Island works because of the historical role the mansion and property played in the Civil War but also "because it is a beautiful place with lots of shade trees."

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"At the time of his marriage, all that Felix Seymour had to offer Sidney was 700 acres of prime valley land, a great deal of money, a family myth of connection with Jane Seymour's family of Henry VIII fame, and a brick cottage of five rooms," according to the historical documentation.

Seymour's wealth, savvy marriage and Mill Island propelled the Seymours into the elite of South Branch society. "The great ballroom, reception hall, parlors and huge dining room were constantly full of dances, entertainments and magnificent dinners."

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If not a scene of battles, Mill Island was one of social respite. "The dancing and dining went on till dawn," the historic register document states. "The house was always open to folks from Moorefield who were suffering from 'war nerves.' During the Civil War the town was often full of Union soldiers and the ladies of Moorefield were firm Confederates."

Judy Patterson, chair of the Hardy County Tour & Crafts Association, sponsor of Heritage Weekend, said that on Saturday (Sept. 25) buses will bring Potomac Eagle Excursion Train passengers that board in Romney to Mill Island, as well as to Oakland Hall, the antebellum mansion on the Valley View Golf Course that is the 2005 Heritage Weekend "lido house."

"Thanks to the McNeill Banger's camp, Royce Saville, owner of Mill Island, and Jay Vassar of the 1862 Restaurant, Mill Island will be a major attraction for Heritage Weekend," said Fran Welton of Moorefield.

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For more information about Heritage Weekend and a schedule of events, as they are continuously updated, visit www.heritageweekend.com.

Dates Set to Change Class Schedules

Class schedule changes/adjustments for the first semester for Pendleton County High School seniors and juniors will be done prior to students returning to school. Schedule changes for seniors will be done on Tuesday, Aug. 23, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Juniors can make changes on Wednesday, Aug. 24, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sophomores and freshmen schedule changes will begin on Monday, Aug. 22.

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Mad Deer Disease Found in Hampshire Co.

A road-killed deer in Hampshire County has tested positive for Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD).

"This is the first known occurrence of CWD in West Virginia," said Frank Jezioro, the director of the West Virginia Division of Natural Resources (DNR).

The infected deer was found about 10 miles from the Virginia—West Virginia state line, arousing concerns in that neighboring state, as well.

A total of 1,320 free-ranging deer from West Virginia have been tested for CWD since 2002.

The positive CWD sample was collected from a two-and-a-half-year-old male deer.

DNR, Jezioro announced, has now launched the department's CWD response plan.

That plan has three principal goals—to determine the prevalence and distribution of CWD through enhanced surveillance efforts, to communicate with the public on issues relating to CWD and the steps being taken in re-

ment actions necessary to control the spread of the disease, prevent further introductions and possibly eliminate the disease from the state.

A DNR news release states, "It is important to note that currently there is no evidence to suggest CWD poses a risk for humans or domestic animals."

Commonly referred to as "mad deer disease," CWD is a degenerative brain disorder which afflicts elk, mule deer and white-tail deer.

The disease slowly attacks the brain of an infected deer or elk, causing the animal to become progressively emaciated and display abnormal behavior.

Invariably, CWD kills the infected deer or elk.

Jezioro called this "a serious wildlife disease situation with potential impacts to the state's important deer management program."

First discovered in Colorado in 1967, CWD has been found in nine states and two Canadian

states. It was first detected with CWD in New York State earlier this year "heightened

the fears of West Virginia wildlife officials," wrote outdoors editor John McCoy in the "Saturday Gazette-Mail" (Sept. 3).

Paul Johansen, the DNR's assistant wildlife chief, told McCoy, "It's important that hunters and landowners don't get overly alarmed about this. We have no intention of doing anything as drastic as canceling the hunting season. [But] we've got a lot of work ahead of us."

Johansen said that "one of the ways we can [eliminate or at least control] the spread of the disease is by shooting enough deer to reduce the population density. When deer numbers are lower, it's harder for the disease to spread."

DNR, Johansen said, "has no plans to try to eradicate deer from any part of the state. A simple population reduction should be enough."

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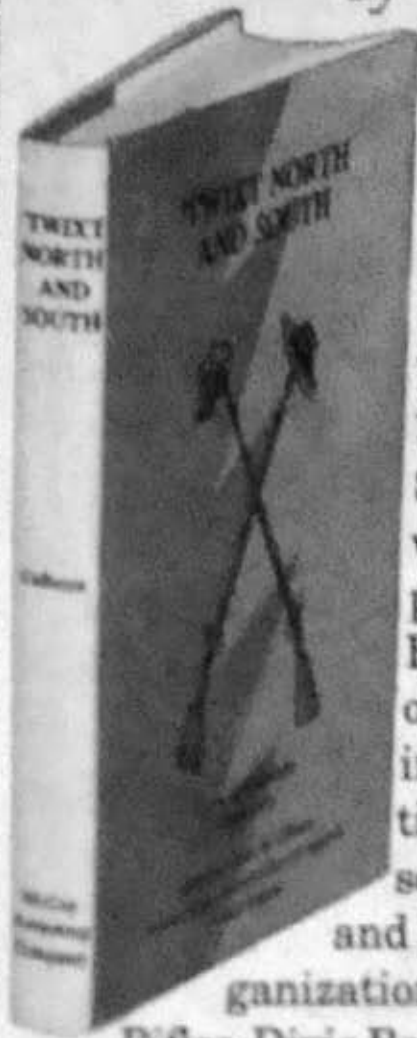
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William Vance

Each year during Treasure Mountain Festival, men, women, boys and girls gather in Franklin to pay homage to their ancestors and to preserve the heritage they are so proud of. One way this is done is through the Civil War encampments and reenactments. No one enjoyed taking part in these activities more than William "Billy Joe" Vance.

Vance, a life long resident of Pendleton County, was very passionate about two things in life—one was the Civil War living history and the other was preserving the heritage for future generations.

He was born Feb. 26, 1957, and left this life April 6, 2005. Being premature at birth and having health problems from the start, caused concern and a diagnosis of a short life. Through determination and a strong will, he lived far beyond their predictions.

As a young lad, he roamed the hills, valleys and river bottoms and learned to love his native soil. He attended Seneca Rocks Elementary and Circleville High schools. As an adult, he was active with the 7th WV Infantry Camp 7 Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, the Order of the Bonnie-Blue Phoebe Warner Chapter, Pendleton County Chamber of Commerce, and the Treasure Mountain Festival Association.

Being a direct descendant of a Civil War veteran was one of the things Vance was proudest. Ruben Vance, his great-great-grandfather, and Ruben's brother, Solomon, both fought for the Union in the Civil War. Both descendants are buried in the Vance family cemetery on Roaring Creek at Onego. One of Billy Vance's deepest desires was that he too would be laid to rest in this same soil. On April 9, 2005, his remains were lowered into the ground within sight of the stone that marks his great-great-grandfather's grave.

Take time this year to make an effort to visit the Civil War camps at Treasure Mountain Festival and remember "Billy Joe" Vance and how much he loved his heritage and native

The Treasure Mountain Festival Queen's Pageant was held on Aug. 13 in the Michael Roberts Auditorium at Pendleton County High School, Franklin. The queen's contests this year were open to all young ladies that are legal residents of West Virginia.

Ashley Berg of Maysville was crowned the 2005 Treasure Mountain Festival Queen. She is 18 years old and the daughter of Greg and Libby Berg.

First runner-up was Emily Weese of Moorefield, and second runner-up was Haley Keplinger, daughter of Nick and Kim Keplinger of Upper Tract.

Crowned 2005 Treasure Mountain Festival Teen Queen was Kayla May of Moyers. A 14-year-old at Pendleton County Middle School, she is the daughter of Willard and Ruthaleen May.

First runner-up for the teen queen title was Rose Walker, daughter of Dale and Melinda Walker of Fort Seybert.

Chosen as Miss Photogenic was Sheena Simon of Franklin. She won the Fan Favorite trophy and sash.

The Miss Congeniality title was given to Emily Weese of Petersburg.

Other contestants participating in the pageant were Alicia Abbott of Roane County, Felicia Harper of Seneca Rocks, Natalie Kimble of Brandywine, Amanda Wayne of Braxton County, Adrianna Eye of Brandywine, Danielle Hoover of Moyers and Jill Ryan of Clay County.

Treasure Mountain Festival's Baby Miss Photogenic title went to McKenna Hanna of Fort Seybert. She is 12 months old and is the daughter of Josh and Heather Hanna. The other contestants were Brandy Bowers and Alexa Tanner.

The queen and teen queen will be dressed in heritage dress and performing their required duties throughout the festival. Treasure Mountain Festival is proud to acknowledge them as their representatives for the coming year.

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EDA Seeks \$1 Million from WV for Golf Course Loan

The Pendleton County Economic and Community Development Authority (EDA) is requesting an additional \$1 million from the state EDA for use as a loan to the golf course under development in Deer Run by county resident Rob Locklin.

With eight members present, the EDA voted unanimously to request that additional funding at a special meeting on Thursday, Oct. 6.

Also attending the meeting was Senator Walt Helmick, the chair of the Senate finance committee, who explained that Pendleton County is in no way obligated financially to the State of West Virginia should the funding be granted.

Should repayment of any of the first \$3 million loan or the second, \$1 million loan go into default, Pendleton County bears no repayment obligation.

Senator Helmick said that the county's freedom from financial obligation will be structured in writing as part of the loan arrangement.

The state EDA provided the county EDA with an earlier grant of \$3 million for use as a long-term, low-interest loan to Locklin for golf course development.

The Highland Golf Club will also consist of an upscale housing development, which is the course's financial linchpin.

That \$3 million, when it is repaid by Locklin, goes back to the



FHS Classmates of 1975 Gather

Franklin High School Class of 1975 members celebrated their 40th reunion at the South Fork Fire Department Building on August 20. Twenty class members and their spouses and guests attended. Mrs. Mary Dyer Dalen, a faculty member, also visited with the class.

After the classmates introduced themselves, an invocation was given by Steve Teter.

Gifts donated by local businesses were given as door prizes.

The class will hold its next reunion in 2010.

Classmates attending were, from left, front row, Larry Hartman, Angie Propst, Teresa (Kile) Bowers, Sheila (Wimer) Rexrode, Judy (Carr) Gamm, Shalee (Dunkle) Wilburn, Tana (Pitsenbarger) Good and Rick Warner; back row, Bill Rexrode, Steve Simpson, Mike Mantholite, Dennis Hovener, Perry Propst, J. D. Newman, Raymond Hovory, Mike Hedrick, Steve Teter and Brad Holt. Absent from the photo is Carl (Wood) Wright.

Reunions Are a Ritual of Reflect

Those members unable to attend are sadly missed, with several not seen since graduation. Each individual does make a difference. Honoring the deceased by way of a special quiet time does celebrate life.

When one pauses and looks around at a class reunion, one easily recognizes that the moment will never occur exactly like this again, that membership will change in the next few years in ways one can't anticipate, and that it's essential to record the moment. Thanks to photography, that's how a class reunion will always be, a frozen shadow of a richer time. Photos allow a sense of continuity that flows into the future despite the enormous changes wrought by time. The photos become pieces of American folklore.

The largest class to have ever graduated from Franklin High School and the present Pendleton County High School gathered at the Mountaineer Club on the Naval Base on Saturday evening. A large turnout for the class of 1965 enjoyed the sit down dinner

and fellowship, mingling as if it were a family reunion. Pieces of the jigsaw puzzle slipped into place, ending with hopes of another soon-to-be class reunion.

Harold and Ellen Mitchell motored to Charlottesville, VA, to assist Mrs. Stargell with her daily commitments.

Returning to Kent, WA, following a week's vacation at the home of Ida Moyers was Jim Schulz.

Heavy frosts have nipped the air. There are promises of weather improvements, such as warmer temperatures this coming week.

St. John Lutheran Church had cause for celebration at their Sunday morning service. The fifth Sunday ushered in beautiful talents, which added to Bishop Dunkin's, Bishop of WV-MD Synod, message and first communion for several children. Following the service, a potluck was enjoyed by the attending members.

The Glenville girls basketball team played Eastern Mennonite Saturday. They spent the

weekend at Jeff and Kathy Bowers' home. Jeff and Kathy's daughter, Elizabeth, is a team member.

Saturday found Wanda Pitsenbarger, Judy Falls, Donnie and Judy Smith and Evelyn Varner motoring to Sangersville Tower to enjoy the music of the Easter Brothers and the Deans.

Brenna and Sam Cockran spent last week in the Maryland/Virginia area on work-related matters.

Willadene Simmons reports that her sister, Wilda McDorman of Staunton, VA, is not feeling very well. Visitors of Willadene over the weekend were Rose Stahl of Harrisonburg, VA, Phil Downs of Lorton, VA, and Keith Soulier of Alexandria, VA.

The heavens seem to have opened up and showered the area with ladybug. Keeping them out of the house will be an on-going tricky adventure.

Weekend visitors of Evelyn Varner were Joyce, Richard, Hillary, Marshall and Hunter Kesterson.

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Franklin High Class of 1947 Gather

Members of the Franklin High School Class of 1947 gathered together on Aug. 6 to celebrate their 58th reunion.

The reunion was held at the North Fork Fire Hall near Wytheville with 26 classmates and their spouses and friends attending. One teacher, Mrs. Mary Dalen, was also in attendance.

The celebration was called to order by Anna Ruth (Pitsenbarger) Scheidner, former class president, who read a poem, "Hands," and also gave the invocation.

Classmates spent some time remembering the past, and many funny stories were told.

A memorial service for deceased class members was

conducted by Dorothy (Riggleman) Shobe. The class graduated 72 members and have since lost several deceased classmates.

The group decided to meet together again in two years, the next reunion being held on Aug. 11, 2007.

Everyone enjoyed getting together and spending time with their former classmates.

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Flood Leaves 16 Dead in Pendleton, Hundreds of Millions in Damages

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Entire County Pounded By Worst Flood in History

High waters resulting from five days of steady rain roared down the hollows and valleys of Pendleton County November 4 leaving at least 16 persons dead and hundreds homeless in the worst flood to hit this county in history.

Hundreds of homes were washed away and hundreds more were destroyed as walls of raging water struck with unyielding force. Rivers overflowing their banks cut new river channels through farms and skimmed thousands of acres of rich top soil from bottom land leaving mountains of rock and sand in its place.

Property damages will run into hundreds of millions of dollars. Farm machinery, buildings, mobile homes, dead cattle, sheep, hogs and poultry were strewn along the entire length of the county as if this once fertile agricultural valley had been turned into a giant trash dump.

The community of Riverton, a town of approximately 150 persons situation in the North Fork Valley, was particularly hard hit. Some six or eight homes along the North Fork River washed completely away, and practically every other house and business place in the community was either destroyed or extensively damaged.

Much of the Smoke Hole area,

Sanitation and health problems posed a threat until the National Guard came in with helicopters and began airlifting medical supplies to isolated areas. Of particular concern were shortages of insulin and nitroglycerin and a means of distributing the supplies that were available to those who needed them.

Water supplies throughout the county either were destroyed or the water was rendered unfit for drinking. All community water systems in the county were knocked out.

The large spring five miles south of Franklin, which has been the source of the town's water supply since the 1930s was filled with rock and gravel and much of the water line leading from the spring to town was washed out. Volunteers and the town maintenance crew working over the weekend laid 5,000 feet of water line through the fields south of Franklin. Town residents hauled water in buckets from a spring at the Fred Mullenax residence west of Franklin until Wednesday when the town water system was placed back into operation.

The community water system at Cirtleville was ruined, and several thousand feet of water line was washed out in the community water system being installed at Upper

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Farm Damage Estimated at \$175 Million

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County Soil Conservationist Al Stewart has estimated damages to farms at \$175,000,000. Stewart estimates damage to farmland, alone, at \$100,000,000. He said farms in the county have suffered 30 to 50 percent damage overall, and that possibly as many as a million head of poultry has been killed, either by drowning or by suffocation because of lack of ventilation resulting from interruption in electricity or from starvation because feed could not be delivered due to road washouts. Tons of feed have been delivered to feed poultry and livestock where roads have been blocked.

One of the major tasks during the aftermath of the flood has been the job of burying dead animals to avoid contamination of water supplies and the creation of other health hazards.

Cooperating in the work have been the National Guard, the Soil Conservation Service and health personnel.

Damages to homes, business establishments and other non-farm property also will run into the millions of dollars.

According to Tom Firor, who has been assisting the American Red Cross in assessing damages in the county, there have been 58 single family homes and 130 trailer homes totally destroyed. Another 86 single family homes and 59 trailers have

suffered major damage and 214 single family homes and three trailers have received minor damages.

Also damaged and destroyed were 39 business establishments, 18 public buildings, 60 private bridges and culverts, 206 outbuildings, 51 barns and 204 recreational trailers.

Firor gave a breakdown of units affected by communities as follows:

Seneca Rocks 33, Riverton 24, Onego 55, Cherry Grove 30, Circleville 17, Judy Gap 5, Franklin 8, Brandywine 81, Ruddle 31, Oak Flat 13, Propst Gap 8, Hiner Mill 1, Deer Run 3, Hammer Run 12, Jake Hill Road 4, Route 220 North 43, Back Thorn 3, Smith Creek 11, Snowy Mountain 10, Route 28 18, Thorn Creek 15, Hardscrabble 13. Trailer parks are not included in

these figures.

County Road Maintenance Supervisor Otis Harper, Jr., said he could not estimate the damages to roads in Pendleton County because the damage is so extensive.

Harper said 18 bridges on primary and secondary roads were washed out, hundreds of slips and slides, some of great magnitude, have blocked roads and miles of hardtop, road bed and entire sub-support for roads have been destroyed.

Harper said Governor Moore already has let 15 contracts for rebuilding primary and secondary roads in Pendleton County.

Also at work on county roads are the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Pendleton County maintenance force.

Utilities Have Heavy Flood Losses in Pendleton County

Electric and telephone utilities have had heavy losses in Pendleton County as a result of Monday's flood.

Possibly as many as 300 electric power poles and 150 telephone poles were destroyed as well as other equipment.

Denny Lambert, county supervisor for Monongahela Power Company, said they have had approximately 60 men working in the county from all over the state since last Tuesday.

Electric power was restored in Franklin last Wednesday evening and at Upper Tract on Sunday. Circleville and from Germany Valley to Yokum's Restaurant were energized Tuesday of this week.

Lambert said he thought 90 to 95 percent of the county would have

Creek.

C&P estimates damage to its facilities and equipment in the state to be between \$1.5 million and \$2 million.

Woodrow Hartman, owner of Hartman's TV Cable in Franklin, said he has suffered much damage to his cable system. He said many of his poles were washed out and broken, and much buried cable, primarily on the John Harman Farm, had been washed out.

Hartman said the television cable could be reactivated in Franklin by Saturday, but may take several weeks to restore service outside of town.

9.4 Inches of Rain Fall in Four Days

Seneca Youth Dies In Effort to Rescue Elderly Woman

Counties Have Heavy Flood Losses in Pendleton County

Electric and telephone utilities have had heavy losses in Pendleton County as a result of Monday's flood.

Possibly as many as 300 electric poles and 150 telephone poles were destroyed as well as other equipment.

Deputy Lambert, county supervisor for Monticello Power Company, said they have had approximately 60 men working in the county from all over the state since last Tuesday.

Electric power was restored in Franklin last Wednesday evening and at Upper Tract on Sunday. Circleville and from Germany Valley to Yokum's Restaurant were energized Tuesday of this week.

Lambert said he thought 90 to 95 percent of the county would have electricity by the end of the week.

The C&P Telephone Company had major damage in Pendleton County but by Tuesday of this week the company had 90 percent of service restored in the county. The company lost a tell cable between Elkins and the Brandywine-Franklin area, some 150 poles and 25 to 30,000 feet of cable destroyed and eight remote subscribers switching systems in the county.

A C&P line crew from Weston working in the county over the November 3 weekend was caught in Franklin by the flood and they pitched in and helped restore service in the Franklin area with only hours of interruption in the town service.

Jim Knicely of Elkins, supervisor of network administration, said long distance service was restored to the county last Thursday at 3:30 p.m. He said the last areas that will receive service are Sugar Grove, Smoke Hole, Moler and Smith

No 'Times' Last Week

The Pendleton Times did not publish last week, November 7, because of the electricity outage and lack of distribution facilities resulting from the November 4 flood.

Seneca Youth Dies In Effort to Rescue Elderly Woman

A memorial service will be conducted Friday at 11 a.m. at Seneca Rocks Elementary School for Jody Whiteside, 16, who drowned in the flood Monday night at Seneca Rocks, while trying to rescue an elderly Seneca Rocks woman.

Whiteside and a friend, Edward Bogan, went to the residence of Mrs. Bogan whom they thought was trapped in her house. They waded into Mrs. Bogan's house and found that she already had left, but before they had time to get out Whiteside got caught in the high water and was unable to get out. Whiteside hung on to a tree while Bogan swam out to get help. Before Bogan could return, a state trooper saw Whiteside let go of the tree and slip into the water about 5 p.m. Monday.

Whiteside was the son of Lois McDonald. He attended Circleville High School where he played on the football team and prior to this year had attended Franklin High School. Surviving in addition to his mother is a brother, Thomas Whiteside.

The memorial service will be conducted by Rev. Paul O'Garek, pastor of the Seneca Rocks Presbyterian Church.

Service Opens Here

Service Center opens, Wednesday, at the Crisis Center (Mar) on Main will also be Red Cross at the DAC, at the Electric

when it was on the verge of being

The county was isolated from the outside world for three days with 18 bridges washed out and massive slides blocking roads in all sections of the county. Electricity and telephone service were halted with utility poles washed out and trees across lines. The only communication out of the county was provided by ham radio operators who worked 24 hours a day relaying emergency messages.

Communities within the county were isolated from each other, making it impossible for local service organizations to render assistance to many areas. The Franklin Fire Department sent teams of members to try to get in isolated areas to assess their needs and try to get emergency supplies to them. Attempts were made to obtain help from the National Guard at Buckhannon and the Elkins Fire Department, but they were unable to get past Harman.

State/Federal Disaster Center Opens in Franklin

Governor Arch A. Moore, Jr., announced Monday the first 10 State-Federal Disaster Application Centers (DACs) to serve flood victims of the November storms that inundated West Virginia.

Among Disaster Centers to be located in the South Branch Valley will be ones at the Franklin Elementary School in Franklin, Petersburg Elementary School at Petersburg, Moorefield High School at Moorefield and the West Virginia School for the Blind in Romney.

The Centers will be open on the following schedule:

November 13 from 12 noon to 6 p.m.

November 14 through November 24, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Beginning November 25, from Monday through Saturday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Flood victims with uninsured losses resulting from the storms, landslides and floods that started November 3 are urged to apply for the federal-state assistance.

Additional DACs in other West Virginia counties eligible for federal assistance under President Reagan

week.

Two mobile home parks and four trailer camps along the South Branch of the Potomac River near Franklin, were washed away or completely destroyed. Completely wiped out were the Trout Brook Trailer Park and Hanging Rock Trailer Park, both south of Franklin, the trailer park at Musk's Cabins, where 63 trailers and cottages washed away, and Thompson's Trailer Camp and Riverside Trailer Park north of Franklin and Cave Country Camping Area south of Franklin.

The swinging bridge spanning the South Branch of the Potomac River in South Franklin, which has survived floods for 43 years, was washed away and the approach to the bridge a half-mile south of Franklin leading to Proprietor Camp was washed away.

Pendleton, along with seven other counties, were declared a federal disaster area last Thursday by President Reagan, making it eligible for federal assistance.

Tommy C. Hammer, the federal coordinating officer for the Federal Emergency Management Agency, said the Centers will be open for a sufficient time to serve all victims in the flooded areas. Persons who do not have a critical need for immediate help should defer visiting the DACs for a few days.

All persons are advised to take advantage of the earlier nearest them. There will be ample notification of their closing.

The programs represented in the Disaster Centers Assistance Service included the following: Small Business Administration, Disaster Housing Assistance, Individual and Family Grant Program, Disaster Unemployment, income tax assistance from both the IRS and the State Tax Department, Farmers Home Administration, volunteer agencies and legal services from Young Lawyers Service.

There also will be telephone referral assistance for the Veterans Administration and crisis counseling.

Bible Descendants Gather



SHOWN IN PHOTO are, from left, back row, Lena Bible Wimer, Cosha Mae Bible Sponaugle, Edith Susan Bible Smith, Almedia Catherine Simmons Bible, James William Bible; front row, Olin Jay Bible, Raymond Bible, Virginia Dare Bible Bowers and Stanley Roggs Bible. Vergie Bible, deceased as a child, is not shown in photo.

The descendants of the late David Dunn, Bill and Linda James William and Almedia Rowe, Andy, Linda, Will and Catherine Simmons Bible held vannah Rowe, Carolyn Gorrell, and

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James William and Almedia Catherine Simmons Bible held their annual reunion Sunday, Sept. 4, at Thorn Spring Park with 145 signing the registry.

Virginia Bible Bowers is the only living child of James and Almedia and she and all 10 of her children, some traveling from Maryland, Georgia, Arizona and Missouri, were present for this reunion.

Family and friends attending were the following: Sheldon Bible, Vestyl and Shelby Bible, Genevieve Bible, Jim and Vada Bible, Sherman and Sandy Bennett, Jack and Renee Sager, Wesley, Krista and Krislyn Walls, Bill, Carolyn, Kaitlin and Logan Sponaugle, Tim, Amy, Brandon, Ariana and Makayla Berg, Mary H. Rexrode, Elwood, Mary and Mandy Smith, Shanston Eutsler, Steve Lam, Sherwood, Margaret, Dana, Shana and Randy Smith, Connie Walton, Dwight, Jackie, Natasha, Caitlin and Caleb Simmers, Harold and Bonnie Simmers, Gary, Bernice, Jeremy and Jon Hedrick, Kayle Massey, Max, Rebecca, and Brenda Dove, Jerry Fulk, Susie and Joshua Harold, Delmas and Kitty Calhoun, David, Wanda, Bill and Charles Hedrick, Lee and Joann Yarbey, Wayne and Helen Wimer, Travis Cahill, Aranelle Judy, Steve and Kathy Judy, Sheldon

Rowe, Andy, Linda, Will and Savannah Rowe, Carolyn Gorrell, Roger and Mary Griffin, Jack and Ruthalene Judy, Jackie Smith, Rob, Carol, Addison and Grant Wallace, Cindy, Todd, Brent and Jessica Scott, Charles and Jamie Thompson, Edwin Roberson, Iris Nelson and Lorella Lee Nelson-Mitchell.

Receiving prizes were the following: oldest man—Edwin Roberson, 76 years; oldest lady—Mary H. Rexrode, 93 years; longest married—Max and Rebecca Dove, 51 years; most recently married—Jack and Renee Sager, four years; most children present—Virginia Bowers, 10; youngest baby girl—Krislyn Walls, seven mos., daughter of Wesley and Krista Walls; youngest baby boy—Grant Wallace, 13 mos., son of Rob and Carol Wallace; longest distance traveled—Roger and Mary Griffin from Scottsdale, AZ.

Door prizes were won by Jeff Johnson, Travis Cahill, Krista Walls, Lorella Nelson-Mitchell, Miranda Skiles, Lois Bowers, Tim Dunn, Mandy Smith, Margaret Smith, Amber Pinson, Tammy Judy, Genevieve Bible, Erin Browley, Zachary Johnson, Harold Simmers, Tom Browley, Kitty Calhoun, Joan Bowers, Becky Dove, Teresa Turner, Will Bowers, Natasha Simmers,

Simmers, Harold and Bonnie Simmers, Gary, Bernice, Jeremy and Jon Hedrick, Kayle Massey, Max, Rebecca, and Brenda Dove, Jerry Fulk, Susie and Joshua Harold, Delmas and Kitty Calhoun, David, Wanda, Bill and Charles Hedrick, Lee and Joann Yankey, Wayne and Helen Wimer, Travis Cahill, Avanelle Judy, Steve and Kathy Judy, Sheldon and Joan Bowers, Jeff, Pam, Kayia and Zachary Johnson, Ed, Tammy, Drake and Sidney Judy, Stanley, Debbie, Tyler and Colin Simmons, Virginia Bowers, William and Lois Bowers, Ruby Skiles, Weyman, Diane, Stacy and Amber Pinson, Andrew Sledge, Mike, Missy, Miranda and Misty Skiles, John Heflin, Marty, Gail and Michael Bowers, Ashley Huffman, Cheryl, Toni, Earl and Ruth Bowers, Teresa, Scott, Chris and Preston Turner, Preston Moorehouse, Cheryl, Tom, Erin and Tyler Browley, Jerri, Jessica and Chuckie Rupert, Andy and John Bowers, Stacey and Matt Bradley, Paul and Sue Dunn, Tim, Lori and

Johnson, Travis Cahill, Krista Walls, Lorella Nelson-Mitchell, Miranda Skiles, Lois Bowers, Tim Dunn, Mandy Smith, Margaret Smith, Amber Pinson, Tammy Judy, Genevieve Bible, Erin Browley, Zachary Johnson, Harold Simmers, Tom Browley, Kitty Calhoun, Joan Bowers, Becky Dove, Teresa Turner, Will Rowe, Natasha Simmers, Chucky Rupert, Addison Wallace, Andy Bowers, Sheldon Bowers, Steve Judy, David Dunn, Jackie Simmers, Helen Wimer, Matt Bradley, Stacy Bradley, Roger Griffin, Grant Wallace, Edwin Roberson, Ashley Huffman, Joshua Harold, Carol Wallace and Stacy Pinson. Once again, the door prizes were provide by ever-generous Diane Bowers Pinson of Albany, GA.

A discussion was held as to the concern of upkeep and stone placement at the Bible family cemeteries in Buffalo Hills and a fund was started for this purpose. Anyone wishing to contribute to this fund may do so by mailing donations to Sandra Bennett, PO Box 682, Franklin, WV 26807.

The next Bible reunion is planned for Labor Day weekend, Sunday, Sept. 3, 2006. All family and friends are encouraged to

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timed efficiency will result in a

Liberty Gap Poised to Seek Permit from PSC

Liberty Gap Wind Force, LLC, filed a 30-day notice of intent with the state Public Service Commission (PSC) last Wednesday to obtain a siting certificate for a wind power project on Jack Mountain.

On Friday, G. Thomas Matthews, the president of Liberty's Gap corporate parent, US WindForce, said approximately 100 signatures have been obtained from local property owners, assigning rights of way on private land to the developer for the construction of a 138-kilovolt transmission line between

the Jack Mountain site and the Allegheny Power substation near Thompson's Motel in Franklin. Although almost 100 individuals reportedly have signed documents assigning rights of way for the transmission line, Matthews pointed out that the path of the proposed line does not cross 100 parcels of land. Many of the properties in the transmission line's path have more than one owner, he said.

In about a month, when Liberty Gap formally applies for an operating permit from the PSC, legal advertisements will be published, and they will include maps of the intended path of the power line, Matthews said.

Late last year, Liberty Gap Wind Force's proposal to develop up to 50 wind turbines with a 125-megawatt generating capacity near the border of Pendleton County and Highland County, VA, aroused controversy and strenuous opposition.

The controversy erupted when an agreement was signed between the developer and the county commission invoking the possible use of eminent domain by county officials to secure a transmission line path on private land. Matthews said on Friday, "No land is going to be condemned for the transmission line."

He said a facility development agreement containing eminent domain provisions was signed only because federal energy production tax credits were on the

market values. Thus, the developer needed to have a facility development agreement in hand showing the feasible ability to get a transmission line from the Jack Mountain site to the Franklin substation as a pre-condition of obtaining an operating permit from the PSC on an expedited basis.

Getting that permit quickly was necessary for the developer to be able to qualify for the production tax credits.

But when the US Congress subsequently extended the time frame for the tax credits, Matthews said, the issue became moot one, and there was no longer any need for a legal document invoking powers of eminent domain, powers that Matthews says would not have been exercised anyway.

However, that now-defunct document also specified direct financial benefits for the county from the developer, including a one-time-only payment of \$450,000 to be used to help bring a 5.5-mile water line to the Sandy Ridge area and, to offset property tax losses due to plant and equipment depreciation, an annual in-addition-to-taxes payment to the county of \$100,000.

Because that potential revenue stream was tied to the facility agreement, it, too, was lost when the agreement was terminated.

School Board Hears of Mounting Concerns

Children confused. Parents bewildered. Elementary school math teachers hamstrung by handed-down-from-above imperatives and rules that are not of their own devising.

Anxieties and feelings of helplessness all around. Those were the serious concerns about the new approach to mathematics instruction in kindergarten through eighth grade which a group of concerned parents urgently brought to the Pendleton County Board of Education at Monday evening's regular meeting.

In the course of an informative discussion, it was pointed out that the newest "new math" is an abrupt departure from the rules-driven, memorization and rote problem-solving approaches to math which have been traditional in American schools.

such as Japan, that outrank this country in collective mathematical ability. The parents at Monday's board meeting indicated that

worry about not being able to help their children with math homework or to comfort them when the kids worry about failing—and failing when just last year they had confidence in their ability with numbers, failing at a precarious age when having confidence in one's ability with numbers is crucial.

They are concerned that the new math does not seem to be teaching children how to use basic math to solve basic mathematical problems or answer basic mathematical questions. Those parents are frustrated, and their children are distressed.

Superintendent Doug Lambert, board president Jack Vogel, Franklin Elementary School special education teacher (and math whiz) Becky Schlaegel and central office educator Don Bucher



From Maine to California

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Letter to the Editor

Six Questions for US Wind Force Posed

The following is an intercepted letter written to G. Thomas Matthews of US Wind Force by Robbie Sites, a spokesman for Friends of Beautiful Pendleton County.

Mr. Matthews,

Sadly, we are approaching the 1-year anniversary of Liberty Gap Wind Force's (LGWF) desperate desire to establish itself as an legitimate entity in the alternative energy business using Pendleton County. Your company's approach has truly inflicted personal anguish and suffering to many people in our beautiful county and beyond. You have acknowledged an 'error in judgment' in regard to your hush hush rush rush approach to getting the rights-of-way for the transmission lines for the proposed project. If the reason for doing so then was 'because of federal energy production tax credits were on the verge of expiring...in 2004...', are they not also possibly expiring in 2005? Mr. Matthews, please do not insult our intelligence. LGWF was then and is still aggressively trying to get this project rushed through the pipeline for the same 'green' reason - money.

From the beginning, your company and representatives have not accepted any of numerous invitations to our community meetings to discuss your 'vision' for our county, and you have not initiated any meetings for the public on your own.

However, it was just published in The Pendleton Times that LGWF intends in the upcoming months to sit down with commu-

nity leaders, including the county commission, to better understand how your company can best fulfill its role...in Pendleton County. Mr. Matthews, what about the citizens of Pendleton County? When will you feel obligated to 'fill the rest of us in'?

Mr. Matthews, I feel that you and your company have not been forthright in communicating your message to the citizens of Pendleton County. Therefore, I would like you to officially answer the following questions -

1. Has your company officially contacted the Sugar Grove Navy Base about potential impacts? If so, when, and what was their official statement on your project's potential impacts?

2. Has your company officially contacted the Green Bank Observatory about potential impacts? If so, when, and what was their official statement on your project's potential impacts?

3. Has your company contacted the Highland County Board of Supervisors or the public and offered an open meeting to discuss a facility of this type and size and its impact adjacent to the WV/VA line? What agreements does your company have with landowners in Highland County as your initial announcement to construct the proposed project included extending 62 turbines into Virginia?

4. Bat studies are ongoing and more and more data supports the fact that these wind turbines kill bats at an alarming rate. Why not wait until other nearby existing wind facilities can be studied thoroughly to ensure that your so-called environmentally-safe wind power plants do not irrevocably harm bats or any other aspect of beautiful Pendle-

ton County?

5. In the past year, rumors have been all over the place about LGWF already having all the necessary 'verbal' option agreements for the entire transmission line route. Some landowners have said to me they were told 'your next-door neighbor is for this', or, 'you are the last one', or, 'you are one of the last ones left'. These statements were misleading. Mr. Matthews, concerning this questionable tactic, your company may do business in Pennsylvania or Delaware that way, but we in Pendleton County do not. I am of the understanding that there are at least two or three property owners on Sandy Ridge and at least ONE property owner on Smith Creek who have said they are not interested. If they said NO, why do you not pack your bags and go home? Or, could it be because your statement in The Pendleton Times that 'no land was going to be condemned' using eminent domain is still your only course of action? Mr. Matthews, does LGWF or any affiliate of its parent companies intend to officially or otherwise request help from the Pendleton County Commission or ECDA to resolve the two breaks in the transmission line using any method they can (i.e., eminent domain)? Does it boil down to this - if the

transmission line rights-of-way cannot be 100% secured by your company representatives, then

Liberty Gap's only option will be for the Pendleton County Commission and/or ECDA to exercise

condemnation - or Liberty Gap's wind power project will have to be cancelled?

6. Why will you or representatives of your company not debate this issue in a public forum? I

suggest that your monetary and impact projections to the county are over- and under-estimated,

respectively. Many credible sources say your facts are not true! Why not come out of

the closet and debate these issues where county points can be made? By the way, please

bring this 'silent support group you mentioned

In the 1860's, the Mason Dixon line separated the north and south. Now, your development, turbines and the transmission line not only physically splits the land but creating a division between friends and families.

Mr. Matthews, there are US congressmen, state delegates, local government, business owners, farmers and others who have an interest in creating inheritable mountain treasures that is consistent with our dreams and vision for Pendleton County. We don't agree with your vision! But then again, have not asked us what we want. Is this in itself both telling and compelling? Thank God some landowners say what they mean and mean what they say. NO! Not now, not here, not ever.

Robbie Sites

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ergy developers a clear path for the construction of a 138-kilovolt transmission line from the Jack Mountain site to an Allegheny Power sub-station, presumably the sub-station near Thompson's Motel in Franklin.
Disputing Matthews' assertion, Sites indicated that he does not believe the company has secured a free and clear path for the transmission line.
He believes that "a couple of landowners" have declined to assign right-of-way passages over their properties to the developers for purposes of power-line construction.
"We have," Sites said, "some landowners who are holding this up, who can stop it."
A caveat, Sites warned, remains, in his view, the possibility of land condemnation on be-

half of the transmission line.
Sites said that he is not convinced that the county's economic development authority does not have the legal authority to condemn land in spite of assurances by the organization's executive director, Shelley Kile, that the county EDA lacks that kind of broad authority in regard to the exercise of powers of eminent domain.
An audience member said that state Senator Clark Barnes recently stated that, although the county EDA might lack that authority, the state Economic Development Authority apparently does have broad statutory powers of eminent domain.
Sites discussed other factors that might stop or at least restrain the development of industrial wind energy in West Vir-

ginia.
He said that the proposal to place wind turbines in western Greenbrier County has elicited strong concerns from local and state elected officials in that county, including Delegate Tom Campbell, the chair of the House education committee, who, Sites reported, is open to the consideration of legislation placing a moratorium on industrial wind power development in this state.
Sites noted the opposition to industrial wind power development expressed by two West Virginia Congressmen, Alan Mollohan and Nick Rahall.
Sites also said that state Senator Jon Blair Hunter is looking at sponsoring legislation to protect a multi-mile radius around Spruce Knob from the construction of wind turbines.

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Liberty Gap Wind Force Applies for Siting Certificate

Last Wednesday, Liberty Gap Wind Force, LLC, filed its application and supporting documentation with the state Public Service Commission (PSC) for a siting certificate for a wind power project on Jack Mountain near the border of Pendleton County and Highland County, VA.

If approved by the PSC, the siting certificate will permit the construction and operation of a wholesale electric generating facility comprised of up to 50 wind turbines and a related 138-kilovolt transmission support line of approximately 17.25 miles in length.

Thomas Matthews, the president of US WindForce, Liberty Gap's corporate parent, discussed the project and the siting certificate process in an interview on Monday afternoon. He said a legal advertisement, including a map of transmission line path, will be published

in this newspaper when approval for the notice is "greenlighted" by the PSC.

He said he expects PSC approval for publication of the required legal notice and map to be given in time for next week's edition of the paper.

According to Matthews, the Jack Mountain facility will, on average, produce enough power to serve 40,000 households.

That number, Matthews repeated, "is an average."

If wind gusts were constant and turned the turbine blades at a rate of maximum efficiency, the Jack Mountain facility would produce enough power to serve 120,000 households, he said.

He also said the amount of tax revenue the project will generate for the county and the state is disclosed in the documentation filed with the PSC.

Calculated over a 20-year pe-

riod, the county will receive an average of \$200,000 a year.

"That," Matthews observed, "is \$4 million."

"That will make us the largest taxpayer in the county," he said. "The largest taxpayer at this time pays \$127,000 per year."

State tax coffers will receive \$50,000 a year over the life of the project. Matthews explained that the amount of taxes paid to the state is based on how much power is produced.

He also noted that the amount paid into county tax coffers will exceed the estimated \$4 million over two decades should advanced technologies, such as more efficient turbines, be introduced in future years at the Jack Mountain site.

The citing certificate application and accompanying documentation "sit about eight inches high," Matthews said.

The PSC's relatively new siting certificate requirements for wind power facilities are more rigorous than the operating permit requirements that were in effect when the company obtained regulatory approval for a wind power facility at Mount Storm in neighboring Grant County.

Matthews said that about three quarters of the documentation now on file with the PSC in Charleston for the proposed Jack Mountain facility pertain to environmental issues, including impacts on rare, threatened and endangered species (both flora and fauna) and avian, wildlife and bat populations.

Also included in the documentation, Matthews said, are viewshed, land use, noise and traffic studies.

Publication of a legal advertisement by Liberty Gap Wind Force launches a 30-day inter-

vention period.

Interveners, he said, can be opponents or supporters of the project.

Intervention, however, is not the same as public comment. Matthews pointed out.

One does not have to be an intervenor to be able to comment on the project as the application process goes forward, he said.

The formal process eventually culminating in a decision by the PSC to issue or deny a citing certificate begins when the 30-day period ends and a scheduling order is issued.

How long that process might take is unknown.

The citing certificate decision ultimately rests with the PSC's three commissioners, chair Jon W. McKinney, Edward Staats and R. Michael Shaver. Matthews said US Wind

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